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Ottawa weighing Deschenes findings

By PAUL LUNGEN

The Deschenes inquiry into Nazi war criminals submitted its report to the federal government last week, but the earliest its contents could be released would be Jan. 19 when Parliament reconvenes.

Published news reports in the Globe and Mail say the 1,000-page report, completed almost two years after Justice Jules Deschenes was mandated to investigate Nazi war criminals living in Canada, recommends establishment of a special investigative unit and changes to the criminal law to allow for prosecution of war criminals in Canada.

Commission counsel Michael Meighen has called the story "speculative" (CJN Dec. 25), and he refused to confirm or deny its contents.

The report is also said to contain a secret section which contains the names of people against whom serious charges have been made and against whom evidence warrants further action.

The Commission investigated allegations against about 800 Canadians, including 15 or more against whom serious charges were made.

Meanwhile, Prof. Irwin Cotler, counsel for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the Canadian government's record of 40 years of inaction in bringing Nazis to justice suggests obstruction of justice and a lack of sensitivity to the horrors of the Holocaust.

Speaking on CBC Toronto's radio noon-hour phone-in show, Cotler said the government's attitude amounted to the "bureaucratization of evil to a footnote of history."

Responding to a caller's query as to the reasons government has "put every obstacle in the way" of bringing Nazis to justice, Cotler pointed to "a disturbing revelation" that in 1948 the United Kingdom called on Canada to end the prosecution of war criminals and "bury the past."

Justice Jules Deschenes

Of the dozen callers who commented on the phone-in's topic, *Should war criminals be brought to justice*, seven favored action while four opposed it. The 12th caller, John Gregorovich, chairman of the civil liberties section of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, said he expected the report will clear the Ukrainian community of

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Visit becomes "private"

NY cardinal meets Israelis

By UPI & JTA

JERUSALEM — The controversial trip to Israel of John Cardinal O'Connor, the archbishop of New York, ended Sunday with meetings he held with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and President Chaim Herzog.

The Catholic prelate, who paid a visit to the Jewish state after visiting Jordan, precipitated an international furor by downgrading his Israeli visit from official to private.

Israeli anger at O'Connor — and the Vatican — increased after the cardinal held a meeting with King Hussein of Jordan — which, like Israel, has no diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

On his arrival in Israel, O'Connor apologized for the mess, blaming it on his inexperience as a cardinal. He repeatedly apologized for any offence he may have given to the Israelis.

O'Connor said his meetings with Peres and Herzog were "private."

A meeting he was reportedly scheduled to have had with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir did not materialize. Shamir said he would not meet O'Connor anywhere but in his office in Jerusalem.

The Vatican does not recognize Israel or its claims to Jerusalem as its capital, and this forced O'Connor to cancel official meetings at the Israeli leaders' offices in the capital.

Such meetings with Israeli leaders at their Jerusalem offices would imply a de facto recognition of both Israel and Jerusalem.

On his last day in Israel, before driving to the Gaza Strip to visit Palestinian refugees there, O'Connor held an hour-long breakfast meeting with Peres.

"I say publicly that I consider Shimon Peres a

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Israelis outraged by execution of 3 hostage Lebanese Jews

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli officials have expressed outrage over the reported "execution" of three Lebanese Jews held hostage by an extremist Shiite group.

The hostages were identified as Yehuda Youssef Benesti, 33, Henri Men, and Elie Srour, 68. Benesti, kidnapped from his home on May 11, 1985, was the brother of Ibrahim Benesti, kidnapped the same month, who was found shot to death last Feb. 15.

Srour, an electrical engineer, was kidnapped on March 28, 1985.

The Shiite group which claimed responsibility for the latest hostage murders identified itself as The Organization of the Oppressed on Earth.

It is believed to be linked to Hezbullah (Army of God), a pro-Iranian Shiite terrorist gang.

It announced the killings in a note delivered to the Beirut newspaper An Nahar and said they were in retaliation for an Israeli shelling of a Shiite village in south Lebanon.

No bodies have been found by Beirut police. The gang set conditions for return of the bodies, which include "release of all struggles in Zionist prisons" and "complete withdrawal" by Israel "from the border enclave in southern Lebanon."

Israeli officials have refused to respond. The earlier known Jewish victims of Shiite kidnappers are Ibrahim Benesti, Haim Cohen, killed Dec. 25, 1985; Issac Tarab, killed Jan. 1, 1986, and Dr. Elie Hallak, killed on Feb. 1 1986.

Reform conversions "a travesty"

Interior minister resigns

Yitzhak Peretz

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz resigned last week rather than confirm the Jewish identity of a person converted by a Reform rabbi. His resignation was accepted by the cabinet on Sunday.

In his letter of resignation to Premier Yitzhak Shamir, which he read to the media before reading it to the Knesset, Peretz, who heads the Orthodox Shas Party, denounced Reform conversions as a "travesty" that threatened "the survival of the Jewish people."

According to the law, a minister's resignation takes effect 48 hours after it is accepted. Coalition members, mainly Likud MKs, tried to persuade Peretz to withdraw his resignation, but he insisted his decision was final. Nevertheless, Shas, with a 4-man Knesset faction, is expected to remain in the unity coalition government, though without cabinet representation.

This was the second resignation from the cabinet in the past two weeks. Earlier, Justice Minister Avraham Sharir resigned because of adverse reaction to his refusal to allow the extradition of William Nakash to France (CJN Jan. 1). But he said he was putting his resignation on hold at the request of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir until a replacement can be found.

Peretz resigned to avoid having to comply with a Supreme Court order to issue a Jewish identity card to Shoshana Miller, a recent immigrant from the U.S. who was converted to Judaism by an American Reform rabbi three years before she came to Israel.

When, on arrival here she was denied the automatic citizenship to which every Jew is entitled, she took her case to the high court. Peretz, trying to avoid a hearing, agreed to register her as a Jew with the word "converted" stamped on her card. But the court rejected that subterfuge and it was criticized by many Orthodox rabbis

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Lavi makes first flight

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A prototype of the Lavi, Israel's second generation jet fighter plane, completed its first test flight late last year with flying colors.

According to test pilot Menahem Shmuel, the supersonic aircraft handled better than any he has ever flown. He said it was too early to tell whether the Lavi has a technological advantage over other fighter planes.

The initial test flight was limited to 30 minutes and an altitude of 12,000 feet because of weather conditions. Shmuel said it was airborne more quickly than expected and its response to controls was "very crisp and smooth." The landing was also precise and the performance of the aerodynamic brakes was "excellent."

The plane stopped a good 300 feet from the end of the runway, the test pilot said.

Demjanjuk gets postponement

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The 3-judge panel trying John Demjanjuk granted the suspected Nazi war criminal a 1-month postponement last week at the request of his American attorney, Mark O'Connor, to allow him additional time to study prosecution documents.

The trial of the Ukrainian-born former resident of Cleveland, Ohio, opened formally in a Jerusalem District Court on Nov. 26 but was adjourned until Jan. 19 after a 40-minute preliminary hearing. It is now scheduled to resume Feb. 15.

The accused was represented at the postponement hearing by an Israeli lawyer, Yoram Schechtel, who agreed to assist O'Connor in preparing the defence. Schechtel will not take an active part in the trial but will be available for consultation by O'Connor on points of Israeli law.

The judges were critical of the American lawyer for what they saw as undue delay in preparing his case. O'Connor had asked for several postponements on grounds that he had been unable to find an Israeli colleague willing to participate in Demjanjuk's defence. The court noted that Schechtel's presence indicated that he has solved the problem.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — A former Waffen SS concentration camp guard who fled to West Germany last August after admitting to the justice department that he had killed a Jewish inmate in cold blood, was stripped of his U.S. citizenship by a Federal District Court judge last week.

Stefan Leili, 77, a resident of Clifton, NJ, was denaturalized on the orders of Federal Judge Harold Ackerman when he failed to appear in court for a hearing on his case. Ackerman also instructed the justice department to advise West German authorities that Leili is no longer a U.S. citizen.

The justice department obtained a sworn deposition from Leili last August in which he confessed that he shot and killed a 17-year-old Jewish inmate at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. The youth, identified as Leon Axelroud, was running away from two other SS guards when Leili shot him in the back, even though he knew there was no way for the inmate to escape from the camp.

He also admitted punitive acts against Jews and slave laborers at the Styr concentration camp in Austria to which he was transferred from Mauthausen.

Leili was captured by Allied Forces in March, 1945. He concealed the fact that he had joined the notorious Waffen SS "Death Head" division in July 1943, claiming he was a private in an infantry division and later a prisoner of war. On the basis of his sworn affidavit he was issued a U.S. visa and entered the country on Feb. 14, 1956. He was granted U.S. citizenship on Nov. 15, 1962.

World-National

Leo Baeck's light shines for us all

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Last month it was 30 years since my revered teacher Leo Baeck died in England. He was a legend in his time, and the passing years have not dimmed his light. I owe him much . . . perhaps my very life.

Born as a rabbi's son in Posen (now Poznan) in what was then Germany, he had the education of a young man from a home that was both pious and intellectual: he studied Jewish sources and combined this knowledge with a secular university training. He too became a rabbi and caused a fair sensation when in 1905, as a young man still in his early thirties, he published a book entitled *The Essence of Judaism*. In it, he proposed that while the three pillars of our faith were God, Israel and Torah; it was God and faith in God that had precedence in this triad, and that the way in which the Jew came to make God central in life constituted the very essence of Judaism.

Rabbi Plaut

This is, of course, an oversimplified description of his book which was quite complex and yet understandable to the lay person, and which in short order became a standard work to be found in most Jewish homes in the land. It went through many editions, and when I finished high school I received it from the Jewish community as a graduation gift.

In time Rabbi Baeck was elected one of the rabbis of Berlin, and this is where the real odyssey of his life was played out. His synagogue was the largest in the city. A magnificent structure located on Oranienburger Strasse in the heart of the old Jewish quarter, it saw Sabbath after Sabbath large congregations throng its pews, to pray there and to listen to Rabbi Baeck.

He did not preach "popular" sermons. They were theological in nature and thrust, and they tested the attention of the listener. The deep resonant voice of the preacher had its special magic. Just listening to him was an experience and always an intellectual treat.

Then the Nazis came to power and Leo Baeck was elected president of the nationwide Council of Jewish Representatives. Time after time he would risk his life going to the authorities to protest and to plead. His council was no "Judenrat" which was asked to deliver quotas of prisoners to the Nazis. Rather, it was an organization that in the days of dissolution gave dignity to the community. In 1939 Baeck was offered a post in the United States, but he refused to leave his people. He would stay with them until the end, and he did.

Symbol of hope

Eventually he was transported to Terezin, where he became at once the centre of the camp's difficult religious and cultural existence. Without having recourse to any books he would give courses on Midrash and philosophy, and week after week preach the eternal message of Judaism. In Terezin his name became the symbol of hope. Alas, 112,000 inmates died or were shipped to Auschwitz, but when the camp was liberated Baeck was, miraculously, found to be among the few remnants still alive.

He went to England, was elected president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, wrote a new volume of Jewish thought *(This People Israel)*, taught in America, and eventually, at the age of 83, died in London. Biographies were written about him (the latest, a most credible one, by Leonard Baker), synagogues took on his name, the Leo Baeck Institute in New York (an historical research centre) memorializes him, as does England's progressive seminary, the Leo Baeck College. Toronto's Reform Jewish day school is called the Leo Baeck School.

In 1935, when he was president of the rabbinical seminary of which I was a student, Leo Baeck received a letter from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. It contained an invitation for five students to go to America, there to finish their studies. Rabbi Baeck was to select the five. I was among those he called.

Indications of moves to help

Israel changing stance on Pollard

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

The Israeli government is revising its "hands-off" attitude toward convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard.

There are strong indications that top Israeli leaders may even be prepared to enter into negotiations with the U.S. government in an effort to bring Pollard and his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, to Israel and thereby avoid potentially lengthy prison sentences for them in the United States.

The Israeli ambassador to the U.S., Meir Rosenne, invited Pollard's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Morris Pollard of South Bend, Indiana, to the embassy in Washington to inform them that he would be prepared to discuss the case with them at any time. The ambassador's meeting with the parents was seen as a signal of a possible change in Israel's position. Dr. Pollard is an internationally - renowned microbiologist at Notre Dame University.

After Pollard's arrest, then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres apologized to the U.S., explaining that the espionage operation was unauthorized. Israel then cooperated with U.S. authorities in the investigation, even making evidence against Pollard available to them.

Pollard maintained in an interview with me on Nov. 20 that he was not spying "against" the U.S., that the information he passed on to Israel involved only Arab threats facing Israel. By strengthening Israel, he said in that interview, he was also indirectly strengthening America since Israel is a friendly ally.

Thus, much of the information he obtained for Israel involved various Palestinian terrorist operations, Arab development of nerve gas capabilities, and conventional Arab military threats facing Israel. "There's no doubt that he did a lot for Israel," a minister in the "inner cabinet" said. "We do owe him."

An extensive investigation of the Pollard affair in recent weeks — including interviews with key U.S. justice department officials, law enforcement officers, and intelligence community analysts as well as with authoritative Israeli and other sources — has resulted in these additional revelations:

• Israel masterspy Rafael Eitan unsuccessfully tried to pressure Pollard into collecting damaging and embarrassing information from U.S. intelligence files about Israeli cabinet ministers and Members of Knesset.

Angered Eitan

But Pollard, a former civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy, understood Eitan's objectives and refused to provide him with the information — a decision which deeply angered Eitan and may have led to his eventual decision to abandon the American agent after his arrest.

• Pollard, just prior to his arrest in late 1985, was asked by another of his handlers, Yosef Yagur, the science counselor at the Israeli consulate in New York, to work on potential Israeli arms sales to Iran. Israel was then deeply involved in trying to strengthen Iran's air-defence systems around Kharg Island, which was coming under heavy attack from Iraq.

At the time of his arrest, according to justice department documents, Pollard had just completed a letter to Yagur concerning the missile systems "designed or manufactured by various non-Communist countries, which might be available for sale to Iran."

Beginning in the summer of 1985, according to recent disclosures involving the controversial U.S. and Israeli arms shipments to Iran, the U.S. and Israeli governments coordinated much of their strategy in trying to forge an opening toward "moderate" elements in Iran and in winning the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

• Since Pollard's arrest, the U.S. intelligence communities have actually strengthened cooperation with Israel in the sharing of sensitive information which had earlier been denied Israel. Pollard had initially decided to provide Israel with information involving potential Arab threats against Israel after discovering that it was not being given to Israel through official channels. Similar information is today being given to Israel routinely, according to U.S. and Israeli sources.

• The U.S. intelligence community has concluded that there was only marginal, long-term damage to the U.S. as a result of the information passed on to Israel by Pollard. A thorough damage-control assessment has been prepared by U.S. experts. Pollard and the Israeli government have fully cooperated with the U.S. intelligence community in that investigation.

Last June, Pollard pleaded guilty to the espionage charges against him. His wife pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of illegally possessing classified documents. Having been denied bail, he is still in jail. Since the end of February, she has been released from jail on bail. Sentencing for both is not expected before February at the earliest.

Tragedy of case

The well known New York lawyer, Leon H. Charney, who is close to several top Israeli political leaders, was approached by Dr. Pollard and Bernard Henderson, Anne Henderson-Pollard's father, about possibly getting involved in the case. He discussed the issues thoroughly with them.

Charney has also had a telephone conversation with Jonathan Jay Pollard's Washington lawyer, Richard A. Hibey. A decision by Charney to enter into the case would further signal the readiness of Israeli leaders to try to reach a political accommodation with the U.S. government over the fate of the Pollards.

Charney, in an interview, said: "Dr. Pollard and his wife and Mr. Henderson have spoken to me concerning what they believe to be a tragedy of the Jonathan and Anne Pollard case, and they have asked me to join Mr. Hibey as co-counsel in terms of trying to ameliorate some of the consequences that seem inevitable at this point. I have not made a commitment to the Pollards, but told them that I would do so within the next month upon certain research that has to be done."

Asked whether a political deal was possible, Charney replied: "Probably that would be the only possible resolution short of their going to jail." He has just returned to New York from a 2-month visit in Israel where he informally discussed the Pollard case with several Israel leaders. He declined to elaborate.

Story potential motivating reporters' coverage of scandal

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

The place where I work is excited. My colleagues scurry about, some of them working incredibly long hours, most of them willing to work even more if anyone asks. We smile, pat ourselves on the back and can hardly await each day's developments. In the news business, we are having, as they say in New York's garment district, a very good season. The public is buying scandal!

And, boy!, do we have scandals for you. There's everything from insider trading on Wall Street to investigations of influence peddling in Washington. First and foremost, though, comes the scandal involving Iran, the Nicaraguan contras and, of course, the White House basement whence worked that national hero and Fifth Amendment anti-Communist, Oliver North. Such a scandal is rare indeed, and we are making the most of it. That you can count on.

If you detect a certain glee in what I have said, you have read my mood accurately. That glee, however, has nothing to do with seeing a President in trouble, an administration adrift or our national credibility in shambles. It has to do, instead, with what my colleagues and I do for a living. Stories are our business and the better the stories, the better the business. Like cancer specialists who do not wish the disease on anyone, we nevertheless appreciate the professional challenge that patients represent. And take satisfaction in knowing that the public benefits.

That distinction — the difference between not wishing the President ill for any political reason and yet enjoying the professional challenge that his misfortune presents — has been misstated, inadvertently or otherwise, by certain commentators and officials. Foremost among them is Patrick Buchanan who, with relish, has often quoted the executive editor of the Washington Post, Benjamin C. Bradlee, as saying, "This is the most fun we've had since Watergate."

The same quote was recently cited by President Carter's National Security Advisor, Zbigniew Brzezinski. He accused Bradlee of "gloating" over the administration's troubles and characterized the press in general of being in an unseemly "frenzy."

Our excitement (not frenzy) is self-evident, no Fifth Amendment needed there. But gloating is a different matter. It suggests that the press is doing something it ought not to do, that it is being irresponsible. And, worse, it suggests the press is somehow anti-American, indifferent to the security or welfare of the country. Buchanan and Brzezinski imply that the press ought to be more delicate and, at the very least, not enjoy the feast before it.

Both Buchanan and Brzezinski suffer from a bad case of Potomac Rot. The symptoms are the inability to distinguish between the press and the government and their two quite separate functions. They seem to want a press that is quasi-governmental, whose responsibility is not to inform the public but share in the governing of the nation. They would prefer us captured, domesticated, a sombre adjunct of some worried think tank at which everything is taken into account but the people's right to know.

Just recently, President Reagan promoted Oliver North from light colonel to National Hero. Whether North deserves such an accolade, I seriously doubt, but I do think he would have made a swell journalist. Here, after all, is a man who made his rank in wartime — the Vietnam War. He showed bravely in combat and for that he was both cited and rewarded with promotions.

Does that mean he loves war, that he enjoys the killing of people, some of them, inescapably, innocents? No. War is the business of the military, the way officers gain promotions. In theory, the better they are at killing, the faster they will be promoted.

Aside from the fact that journalists are not in the business of killing people, we too try to perform our best. A murder is tragedy, but it is also a story. A train wreck is a calamity, but it, too, is a story. A scandal can be both a tragedy and a calamity, but it is nevertheless one hell of a story. Like a war for soldiers, it is a chance for promotion, for citation and to make a name for yourself. A journalist who does not see that is in the wrong business.

So, are we having a good time? You bet we are. Are some of us looking to become famous? For sure. Is this a big story, one that has captivated the public? Yup. But do most of us exult in a distracted government and try to further some alleged political agenda? No, not for a minute. Reporting and even exploiting a scandal is just business. And business — knock on wood — is just great.

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Lewis outlines recommendations

UN urged to avoid human rights "paralysis"

NEW YORK —

The United Nations should not tolerate a drift towards institutional paralysis in the human rights field, Canada's ambassador says.

Stephen Lewis, in a recent speech to the General Assembly, said that had the UN acted sooner and stronger in the 1940s when members were debating procedures for the protection of human rights, "we might not be faced with the polarizing scourge of apartheid."

In the address on behalf of William Attewell, chairman of the all-party Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, Lewis pointed to the "heavy hand of oppression in the Soviet bloc, seeking to stifle freedom of religious expression, trade union rights and every legitimate aspiration to self-determination."

Lewis said that although the UN is an organization of governments, it has a fundamental concern for people.

"These concerns are elemental: All people have a right to live in dignity; they have a right to the freedom essential to the full development of their capabilities; they have a right to live without fear of reprisal and intimidation; they have a right to transmit to succeeding generations values of decency, integrity, generosity and compassion."

Lewis said three patterns that have emerged in the past decades — the protective capacity of various great powers and their ability to extend their fraternal shield over surrogate states and allied regimes; the capacity of regional organizations to use their voting strength to prevent decisive action against their member states regardless of the documented gravity of the case; and the "crippling" reluctance to violate the principle of the sovereignty of states which, if confronted in objectional situations, would permit an objective investigation of the facts.

"Most prominent among the states not subject to examination has been the Soviet Union. Yet there is hardly a shortage of material analyzing in comprehensive and convincing fashion the total failure of the Soviet Union to abide by its charter and treaty obligations in the human rights field."

Lewis said Soviet Jews have suffered from a systematic and methodical campaign to obliterate their culture, language and religious heritage.

"Those who live in the Soviet Union are subjected to a growing and virulent campaign of anti-semitism .... Those who attempt to emigrate are the targets of intimidation, trumped-up prosecutions, incarceration in psychiatric hospitals, internal exile and imprisonment in work camps," he said.

"Prominent cases have been settled, not on the basis of rights and obligations, not under the provisions of the Soviet constitution, but as bargains and trade-offs in a cynical campaign of public relations that has rendered justice to a select few while leaving the more fundamental issues untouched."

Canada's ambassador pleaded for the release of Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak, whom he called metaphors for the Soviet reality; a reality which, among other things, gives freedom to a handful while denying visas to tens of thousands and turns requests for family unification into criminal charges of malicious hooliganism.

Lewis outlined several recommendations to bolster the Assembly's promotion of human rights. His multi-faceted approach consists of a number of elements such as the establishment of fact-finding and conciliation missions; recognition of the role of special rapporteurs and representatives; and safeguarding and strengthening their mandate.

Peres: Shin Bet case "closed book"

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres maintained last week that the Shin Bet affair is a closed book and rejected suggestions that he was harmed by the report of a panel of legal experts which investigated the scandal. Shin Bet is Israel's internal security service.

The report was sharply critical of the former chief of Shin Bet, Avraham Shalom, whose earlier testimony seemed to implicate Premier Yitzhak Shamir in the 1984 killing of two captured Arab bus hijackers by Israeli agents and its subsequent coverup.

Peres, who became Prime Minister shortly after the incident, did not demand Shalom's resignation and raised no objections to the pardon later granted Shalom and several of his associates by President Chaim Herzog.

Replying to reporters' questions, Peres said he saw nothing wrong in his support of Shalom. "When I came in (to the affair) it was after two stages of judicial consideration and I feel that I have acted in accordance," he said.

He was referring to the two commissions of inquiry at which Shalom and others testified.

Peres said he accepted fully the judicial conclusions of the legal panel which absolved Shamir (CJN Jan. 1) and the entire political echelon of responsibility for the acts of Shin Bet in this case. "There is no reason to try and find anything (more) and I have no reason to try to justify myself," Peres said.

Justice Minister Avraham Sharir also told reporters that he considered the report to have closed the affair. The first order of business is to get the General Security Services (Shin Bet) back on an even keel and restore morale," he said. He said the killing of the bus hijackers after their capture was an "isolated affair" not typical of how the secret service operates.

Meanwhile, Meir Zorea, a retired general who investigated the coverup, expressed criticism of the panel's report. Calling the incident one of the biggest scandals in Israel's history, he said in an Israel Radio interview that, while the findings were legally in order, the panel failed to place any blame on the political establishment for its failure to act after it became apparent that a wrong had been committed.

"Everyone was happy, though something disgusting had been done," Zorea said. He admitted his committee had been misled by Shalom's testimony "and in the end nobody was found guilty or punished because of the Presidential pardon."

Labor Party spokesmen, including Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, also criticized the panel, not for its findings, but for overlooking political responsibility.

Toronto girl first recipient

Kayfetz award to McGill student

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For close to 40 years, Ben Kayfetz served the Jewish community, fightng the good fight for broader human rights and against anti-semites and hatemongers.

While working with a variety of community organizations, Kayfetz developed a broad undertanding of the genesis and development of Jewish communal institutions, going back to Eastern Europe where they got their origins.

So it was no wonder that when he was honored by a number of friends, many who worked with him at the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, they decided to do something more than present him with a handsome Inuit sculpture that others receive.

Enter the Ben Kayfetz Scholarship Fund, financial assistance for students at the University of Toronto pursuing studies in modern Jewish history.

Miriam Rubin, 22, is the first student of Jewish history to receive the scholarship. A native of Toronto, Rubin is pursuing a Masters degree at McGill University in Montreal in Eastern European Jewish studies. Last spring she completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Toronto in Jewish studies and European history, and, following a summer of Hebrew studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, she entered the Masters program at McGill.

Miriam Rubin (2nd from left) is the first recipient of the Ben Kayfetz Scholarship Award in Jewish studies. Seen here with Rubin are Kayfetz (2nd from right) as well as Rose Wolfe and David Satok. [Paul Lungen photo]

Rubin, who also received the Irene Samuels Scholarship in Jewish studies from the National Council of Jewish Women, has a particular interest in late 19th century Russian-Jewish history.

As part of her curriculum, she'll study Jewish history in the Pale of Settlement, religious thought and Jewish involvement in political movements such as the Bund.

That regimen suits Kayfetz fine, because, as he says, most contemporary Jewish organizations, from landsmanshaften to the Israeli government, can trace their origins to Jewish organizations in Eastern Europe.

"I'm delighted," Kayfetz said, "particularly because (the scholarship) deals with modern Jewish history which has a link to the work I did in Congress."

Rose Wolfe, Ontario chairwoman of the JCRC, said the scholarship was chosen for just that reason. "Ben is a scholar of the Jewish community. He's been involved working within the Jewish community. No one knows it as well."

David Satok, who as national chairman of JCRC worked with Kayfetz regularly, noted the voluntary communal organizations are "an outgrowth" of the kehillas of Eastern Europe. When he and Wolfe and the others were planning the October 1984 tribute dinner for Kayfetz they realized a scholarship would best do the former executive director justice.

"The sense of history differentiates Jews from other groups," he said. "They live with a sense of history."

The University of Toronto was approached with "a sizeable" sum that was raised through voluntary contributions, and following discussions to determine which particular field of study would benefit, the Jewish history component was chosen. Since the U of T has no graduate program in Jewish history, Rubin will pursue her studies in Montreal.

Kayfetz (still the man you call if you want to know something about the Jewish community, Wolfe said), is gratified because "somebody will be turning an academic eye to what I and (Rose and David) worked on," he said.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: When is one guilty of verbal abuse? Is there such a thing a non-verbal abuse?

Some people when they read this column get the feeling that they are victims of verbal abuse. That's not so. Just because your pet theory may be getting a thrashing, and you don't enjoy the flow of the argument, that doesn't make it verbal abuse. When the wrong things in your past are introduced to hurt you and haunt you, that's when you are suffering from verbal abuse.

Rabbi Burak

Here is the way it is spelled out in the Talmud, Tractate Baba Metsia, 58B: "If a man is a penitent, one may not say to him, 'Remember your former deeds.' If he is the son of proselytes, he may not be taunted with, 'Remember the deeds of your ancestors.'

"If he is a proselyte and comes to the study of Torah, one may not say to him, 'Shall the mouth that ate unclean and forbidden food, abominable and creeping things, come to study the Torah which was uttered by the mouth of Omnipotence!'

"If he is visited by suffering, afflicted with disease, or has buried his children, one may not speak to him as his companions spoke to Job (Chapter 4:6): 'Remember, I pray thee, whoever perished, being innocent?' If ass-drivers sought grain of a person, he may not say to them, 'Go to so and so who sells grain,' whilst knowing that he never sold any.'"

It is not so easy to restrain oneself from using such devices as is seen in the verbal exchange between Reb Yochanan and Resh Lakish, in Baba Metsia, 84A, when Reb Yochanan said to his devoted disciple: "A robber understands his trade." To this Resh Lakish replied: "And wherewith have you benefited me: there (as a robber) I was called Master, and here I am called Master."

Special care should be taken to speak gently to a lady, for a woman is very sensitive. This leads Rab to say, in Baba Metsia, 59A: "One should always be heedful of wronging his wife, for since her tears are frequent she is quickly hurt." One might add that an unkind look is also out of place in this, the dearest of all relations.

But, what of non-verbal abuse? The rosh yeshiva of Yeshivath Or Chaim of Toronto, Rabbi Avishai David shlita, gave a most learned lecture one Sabbath day to the young couples of my congregation. He dealt with this subject via an episode from his youth.

As he told it, the rabbi of their synagogue was a very erudite man. The members, however, were far from erudite, so the rabbi could not discuss any of the deep topics of Jewish faith and practice. But, there was a sizable contingent of young men attending yeshiva, and when they returned for a Sabbath, he had an audience that could understand, if they wanted to.

So, on the Sabbath when the yeshiva students were in attendance, the rabbi launched into a very scholarly sermon. No sooner did he get started than the senior student opened up his Gemarra. Quickly, all the other students copied him. Once again, the poor rabbi had nobody to talk to. The rosh yeshiva concluded with these words: "Only later did I discover that this was a non-verbal abuse. By opening our Gemarras, we were making a statement that the sermon wasn't worth hearing."

I enjoyed hearing this statement with its trenchant conclusion. Rabbi David's point is made in an earlier work, the responsa Tirosh ve-Yitzhar, where the author writes of the distress of one who listened in at a trial before the heavenly court and heard the following ruling: "Ploni ben ploni goes straight to gehinom for learning a blatt Gemarra."

Teacher alleges bias

Day school faces $95,000 suit

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A teacher let go by a Montreal Jewish day school is suing his former employer for $95,000 in damages in Quebec Superior Court, claiming he lost his job because he belonged to an Evangelical Christian group.

Michael Cutler, 27, lost his job as an art teacher at Bialik High School at the end of the 1982-83 school year. School officials have maintained Cutler was, like all new teachers, on a 2-year probation and that they acted within their rights in not extending tenure to a teacher with whom they were not completely satisfied at the end of that period.

Cutler filed a complaint of discrimination on the basis of religion against Bialik with the Quebec Human Rights Commission in the summer of 1983, jointly with his union, the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools.

In June, 1985, the commission decided no discrimination existed, but that ruling was quashed by Superior Court on appeal in December of that year and a new hearing was ordered.

Cutler is claiming $65,000 for lost income, plus interest, and $30,000 for damage to reputation, pain and suffering. His lawyer, Irwin Liebman, said Cutler was unable to find full time work as a teacher for 2½ years after he was let go from Bialik until January, 1986 when he was hired in his present position at a public school in New York City.

"He had to leave Quebec to get a job," Liebman told Judge Orville Frenette during the recent trial held over three days. Frenette was brought in from Hull to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest. Cutler's father, Phil Cutler — who is Jewish — is also a Superior Court judge and was a prominent civil liberties lawyer.

At the conclusion of the trial, Frenette admitted he will have a "problem in drawing up a judgment fair to both parties" because of the delicacy of the issues raised. He did not announce the date he would render his decision.

In addition to Cutler's concern about damage to his career as a result of his experience at Bialik, Liebman told the court that "the larger issues of religious freedom, fairness of employer to employee and abuse of process and privacy are at stake" in this case.

Liebman argued that Cutler was the victim of a "set up" by the administration of Bialik from the time it was discovered Cutler was the leader of the Navigators at McGill University. In October, 1982 — more than a year after Cutler was hired — the McGill Daily, a campus newspaper, ran a full-page article that was very critical of the Navigators' method of recruiting new members. Cutler was referred to in that article.

Over the two days of testimony, Liebman put on the stand past and present Bialik teachers to build a case that Cutler was not only competent and well liked, but improved and expanded the art program. Witnesses testified that Cutler for the first time at Bialik introduced Jewish content into the art program, even though the evidence shows, Liebman said, that this had not been a stated requirement by the school at the time Cutler was hired.

Enrolment in the art program increased from 75 to 300 students during the two years Cutler was at Bialik, Liebman said.

Defence testimony, however, contradicted that Cutler was behind the idea of integrating Jewish aspects into the art program. A Bialik official testified that in 1981, the year Cutler began, the school adopted a new policy of integrating Judaism into the general studies curriculum.

Liebman further argued that Cutler was considered something of a catch by Bialik in view of the prominence of his family and his achievements in his field despite his youth, and was hired after only a 15-20-minute interview by then principal Shirley Packer. Cutler was referred by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, Liebman said, and the school knew Cutler's father was Jewish and his mother not, Liebman said.

(About one-third of the teachers at Jewish People's and Peretz Schools, of which Bialik is part, are not Jewish, a school official told The Canadian Jewish News.)

During his first year at Bialik, Cutler received no "negative criticism" from his superiors, Liebman said. It was only after the McGill Daily article came to the attention of the school administration a few weeks after its publication that a "sham" was put in operation to terminate Cutler without ever discussing with him its concern about his association with the Navigators, or the accuracy of the Daily article.

Instead, Cutler was given a poor evaluation of his teaching that winter — without basis in fact, according to Liebman — which paved the way for his release at the end of the year.

Throughout the court and human rights commission hearings, Bialik never accused Cutler of proselytizing among the students or teachers at that school, Liebman said. He recalled testimony at the human rights commission hearings in the fall of 1984 when Packer admitted that she could not "completely divorce" her feelings about Cutler's Evangelical Christianity from her evaluation of his work.

Liebman said Bialik's reason for not keeping Cutler because he had not been successful in integrating Jewish content into the art curriculum was not legitimate. Liebman observed that Cutler was "the first and only teacher in the secular program at Bialik ever to not receive tenure because of an inability to integrate Jewish content into a general studies program."

The main issue at this point, Liebman said in summing up his client's case, is that Cutler was fired on "trumped up reasons (his incompetence as a teacher) that have affected his career" when the real motivation for Bialik's letting him go was fear over having an Evangelical Christian on its staff.

In Bialik's defence, lawyer Guy Dufour told the court the school had acted within the terms of its collective agreement with its teachers and the Quebec Labor Code in its relationship with Cutler.

He denied Bialik had been "preoccupied" by Cutler's activities outside the school; it simply felt it could find a better and more suitable teacher. He noted that Cutler had been offered a third probationary year after his complaint to the human rights commission.

Dufour pointed to the 1936 charter of the Jewish People's School which states that its objectives include the promotion of Jewish education and culture. He said it was natural for a Jewish school to be worried about a teacher who belonged to a group of another religion that had been shown to be "particularly aggressive, if not fanatical."

He also stated that Cutler had been informed after the evaluation of his first year — months before the McGill Daily article — that he should increase his knowledge of Jewish holidays and their celebration in the art program. And that Cutler had asked for "more patience" on the part of the school to allow him to carry out this integration, which Dufour indicated, was an acknowledgment that he knew he was not meeting the school's expectations.

Dufour said there is no proof Bialik acted with malice or in a discriminatory way against Cutler. He added the Cutler contributed to his claim that his reputation was damaged by publicizing in the press his complaint to the human rights commission in 1983.

Only 914 Jews allowed to leave USSR last year

NEW YORK —

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported last week that as of Dec. 31 only 914 Soviet Jews were permitted to leave Russia in 1986 — based on family reunification and emigration to Israel. The 1985 total was 1,140.

The NCSJ said that while the release of such high visibility Refuseniks as Scharansky and David Goldfarb generated "great rejoicing" in the Jewish community, there is "justified apprehension concerning the situation of thousands of other Jews." According to the NCSJ, "among them are 11,000 known Refuseniks and 14 Prisoners of Conscience, more than half of whom have been incarcerated since General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev's rise to power nearly two years ago."

Emigration requests by long-term Refuseniks and released Prisoners of Conscience were repeatedly denied. In November, the Soviet Union further impeded the emigration process by issuing a new decree codifying emigration, purportedly a liberalizing document, "but actually one which tightened restrictions."

NCSJ chairman Morris Abram challenged the Soviet Union "to issue emigration visas to the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews who have initiated the emigration procedure by requesting and receiving invitations from their relatives in Israel." The NCSJ estimated that there are now 380,000 Jews who have indicated a desire to leave, but have not been processed.

Two dedications scheduled

Mizrachi, Emunah plan Israel tour

MONTREAL —

The Mizrachi Organization of Canada and Emunah Women have scheduled a tour in Israel for Feb. 23-March 9 called Our Roots Revisited.

It's the first joint tour of the men's and women's organizations in several years, said Roslyn Schneidman, Emunah national executive director.

The tour will last eight days, and include two dedications: one at the Tiberias Regional High School for Girls and the other at the synagogue in the Neve Michael Children's Village.

At the former, Rose Svarc will preside over the event to take place in the multi-million dollar project, the Rae Zuckerman Amphitheatre. At the latter, Joshua and Lilly Ronn will unveil the Benefactors' Wall in their name.

The Mizrachi and Emunah delegates will be received by President Chaim Herzog and Canadian Ambassador James Bartleman, as well as the mayors of Tel Aviv and Tiberias.

Schneidman said special guides are being employed. "They will do far more than just point out sights. What sets them apart is a tremendous background in Torah, in Jewish history and literature."

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Community "sending signal" on priorities

'Frisco bypasses Jewish Agency with grants

By
WINSTON PICKETT

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco's Jewish Community Federation has "sent a signal to the Jewish Agency to alter its priorities" by going ahead with its plan to allocate $100,000 directly to projects in Israel.

Half the money raised by San Francisco's JCF is distributed customarily by the Jewish Agency in Israel, while the remaining half goes to local agencies. (In Canada, the federations allocate funds for Israel via the United Israel Appeal of Canada).

The $100,000 grant, which is being made independently of the JCF's regular allocation of campaign funds through the Jewish Agency, is earmarked for projects in three major areas.

The projects says the JCF, are aimed at furthering democracy in Israel, including Arab-Jewish relations; at improving Israei-Diaspora relations and at encouraging religious pluralism in Israel.

Announcement of JCF's plan to bypass the Jewish Agency with the $100,000 grant originally was made in September, when the JCF board approved the new direction in allocation strategy. Since then, some Jewish leaders in the United States have attempted to dissuade the JCF from carrying out its plan before other federations decide to follow suit.

According to Richard Goldman, chairman of JCF's overseas committee and past president of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties, the allocation program has been three years in the making.

It stems in part, he said, from "a growing frustration" among many Israelis and Americans that money sent to Israel through the United Jewish Appeal and distributed through the Jewish Agency "is not going to projects that address their concerns."

Those concerns, the 66-year-old insurance executive explained in an interview, include alleviating the outbursts of religious strife, addressing drastically deteriorated Arab-Jewish relations as reported in academic studies and Israel media polls, and the need for closer Israel-Diaspora ties.

According to Goldman, the funds, in the form of a 1-year grant, will be distributed as follows:

• $13,250 to the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem for public and secondary school projects promoting democratic pluralism and Israel as a multi-ethnic society.

• $34,522 to the Jerusalem-based Helitz Center for Jewish Zionist Education for the creation of high school debating societies aimed at furthering cultural tolerance in Israeli development towns.

• $24,688 to the Tel Aviv University's School of Education in-service training program for principals in educating for democracy. The program will be implemented through 35 secondary and 35 elementary school principals throughout Israel, with the involvement of the ministry of education.

An allocation of an additional $28,000 is scheduled to be approved this month, bringing the grant total to $100,000, Goldman said.

Each of the three areas of concern, Goldman explained, will be targeted by some aspect of the three projects.

For example, the Van Leer Institute project, which will be partially funded by the Israeli ministry of education, involves multicultural experts from the Bay Area, and is designed to attack negative stereotyping by teaching Israelis about other cultures of Israel and the ways these cultures can interact.

According to the grant application, the project is set to design educational and teacher training programs based on actual portraits of Israeli families, including: Orthodox Jewish, secular Jewish, Moroccan, kibbutz, Arab Christian and Arab Moslem families, among others.

Target groups will be public, technical, and secondary schools — as well as the general Israeli public — through book publication and television video production.

On a different level, the debating society project is intended to encourage tolerance and mutual understanding between different strata of Israeli society by teaching listening and communication skills.

Designed by Melitz, a 10-year-old independent non-profit organization specializing in intercultural education, the program will set up high school and youth movement debating societies in the four development towns of Kiryat Shemona, the JCF's Project Renewal community; Tiberias; Safed; and an area outside Tel Aviv.

Finally, the Tel Aviv University democracy project, made up of lectures, workshops, classes and training programs for 70 secondary and elementary school principals, aims at combating the spate of anti-Arab prejudice in Israeli society since the election of Rabbi Meir Kahane to the Knesset in 1984.

Each of the programs, said Goldman, will involve a close working between American and Israeli experts in these fields, with improved Israel-Diaspora relations as an important by-product.

Another rationale behind the funding and the projects, Goldman explained, is accountability — accountability as to how the money the federation raises is distributed in Israel.

For that reason, federation leaders agreed, an independent board of prominent Israelis in the private sector was set up to act as an Israeli counterpart to the JFC's overseas committee — and as a partner in implementing the programs formed jointly by the two groups.

Known as Amuta, a Hebrew acronym for non-profit organization, the 15-member board is chaired by Avraham Infeld and staffed by Shlomit Laquer, director of the JFC's Israel office in Jerusalem. An all-volunteer group, it is made up of a cross-section of Israeli professionals from the fields of economics, journalism, education, social services, industry, the arts, and, in one instance, the Jewish Agency.

According to Alvin Levitt, chairman of allocations for the JCF's overseas committee, the $100,000 in grants for projects in Israel is a direct response to proposals made by Amuta.

For Phyllis Cook, director of the federation's Jewish Community Endowment Fund and a staff liaison to the overseas committee, an important consequence of Amuta has been the fact that it has become a vehicle for a new development in Israeli society: volunteerism.

Goldman said he hopes the consequences will have a more tangible effect here. "I want this to encourage donors to raise their level of giving by giving them a better understanding of where their money is being distributed — and I want to see it on the national scale," he said.

Goldman emphasized the allocation should not be interpreted as a sign that the SF federation is trying to buck the system. "We're trying to initiate a change in the most effective way we know how," he said. "We are, and will continue to remain, firmly committed to the traditional structure of supporting Israel through the UJA and the Jewish Agency."

Israel funding to be assessed

NEW YORK (JTA) — UJA-Federation of New York has formed an ad-hoc committee to assess the levels of funding for programs in Israel of both the Reform and Conservative movements.

Morton Kornreich, chairman of the board of directors of UJA-Federation, said the committee was formed following a recent meeting between rabbis and lay leaders, sponsored by UJA-Federation. Reform and Conservative leaders have expressed concern that their programs and institutions receive inadequate funding from the Jewish Agency.

Campaign contributions are allocated through the UJA-Federation overseas affairs division to the Jewish Agency. The Jewish Agency gives financial aid to various humanitarian programs in Israel, including immigrant absorption, youth aliya, education, rural settlement, and neighborhood rehabilitation.

An all-day meeting with Jewish Agency and UJA officials and representatives of the three movements is planned for Jan. 12 in New York.

The committee will then fly to Israel in early February on a 7-day fact-finding trip. Members will hold discussions with Jewish Agency officials as well as leaders of the Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox movements. They will also visit various institutions associated with the three movements.

The committee will report its findings to UJA-Federation leadership. A follow-up meeting will take place between rabbis and presidents of the three movements and UJA leadership.

Historian David Rome gets Order of Quebec

MONTREAL — Historian David Rome, who has chronicled the history of the Jews in Canada and, in particular, Quebec, has been awarded the Order of Quebec.

The order, instituted by former Premier Rene Levesque in 1985, honors Quebecers for outstanding achievement and service to the province. Eighteen persons were named to the order this year which has three ranks: grand officer, officer and knight. Rome was named in the last category.

The awards are to be presented at a ceremony later this month. Others appointed to the order this year include former Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau, Cree leader Billy Diamond and wheelchair athlete Andre Viger.

Born in Lithuania in 1910, Rome first settled in British Columbia with his parents before coming to Montreal in 1942. He served as archivist of Canadian Jewish Congress for many years, and continues to be affiliated with the organization as historian.

In the 50s and 60s, Rome was director of the Jewish Public Library, a period when the institution grew to one of the largest of its kind in North America.

Throughout his career, Rome has attempted to interpret the Jewish community to French-speaking Quebecers and has been in the forefront of interfaith dialogue.

His latest book, Juifs et Quebecois francais: 200 ans d'histoire commune, was co-authored with Jacques Langlais, a Roman Catholic priest.

The book, which documents the often troubled relationship between Jews and French Canadians over the past two centuries, has been praised by Montreal Catholic Archbishop Paul Gregoire.

"Give us our brethren"

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir has called on the Soviet Union to "give us our 2 million brethren who no longer want to live there." He stressed that "we have no fight with the government or the people of the USSR."

Shamir spoke at a mass meeting of solidarity with Soviet Jewry here, also attended by Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leading Soviet Jewry activists who have immigrated to Israel and representatives of Israeli political parties.

Natan Scharansky, one of the most famous of the activists, urged President Reagan to link all U.S.-Soviet negotiations with the issue of free immigration for Soviet Jews.

Meanwhile, President Chaim Herzog and Shamir received Chanukah greetings from six leading Soviet Refuseniks. Their typewritten message, brought here by Robert Loop, a former United Jewish Appeal national chairman, drew an analogy between the struggle of the Maccabees and that of Jews in the Soviet Union.

The message was signed by Alexander Lerner, Maria and Vladimir Slepak, Lev and Tatiana Upshitzer and Yuli Kushrovsky. It said they were praying that "God will give us renewed strength to continue and that the Chanukah lights will illuminate the way for those of us who have problems in fulfilling our dream to go to Israel and to return home."

IDF officer jailed

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel Defence Force Lt.-Col. David Leiser was sentenced to seven years in prison and reduced in rank to private by a military court recently for smuggling hashish from Lebanon into Israel.

He was dismissed from the army.

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Vatican policy creates problems

Cardinal meets Herzog, Peres at their homes

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friend and I'm just delighted we had this opportunity," O'Connor said after the meeting.

O'Connor met with Peres for about an hour at Peres' home and took pains to portray it as a private meeting that would not violate Vatican policy on the status of Jerusalem.

O'Connor told reporters he was "primarily returning a very friendly, courteous visit" that Peres paid to him in New York last summer when Peres was Prime Minister. At the time, Peres invited the cardinal to visit Israel.

Peres said the two had "a friendly, thorough and deep discussion on all the issues." O'Connor said the talks had touched on the Vatican's "continuous differences" with Israel on the Palestinian search for a homeland.

On Sunday, O'Connor met for about an hour with President Chaim Herzog in his official residence, but expressed concern that he was not told the meeting place also is Herzog's office.

Asked if he felt "betrayed" because of the circumstances of the visit, O'Connor said: "I consider the President an honorable man and he knew I could only call on him in his private residence on an unofficial visit. It would take an awful lot to convince me that there was any kind of deceit practiced in that regard."

O'Connor said he had not cleared Sunday's meetings with the Vatican.

With his visit to Herzog, O'Connor became the highest-ranking Vatican official to meet an Israeli head of state at his official residence, Israeli radio said. But confusion surfaced again.

Officials admitted Herzog's residence also served as his office and one admitted privately that the room where they met was the same used by Herzog to receive most official visitors.

"I made it excruciatingly clear that I could not visit the President, the Prime Minister or the foreign minister in his office in Jerusalem," O'Connor said after the Herzog visit.

"I would be just terribly disappointed if I were allowed to think that I was coming on an informal residential visit and in fact I was visiting an office."

When reporters pointed out that the presidential standard and Israeli flags flew over the residence, O'Connor seemed nonplussed. "I have not changed my mind about paying an official visit. I said right from the beginning that I could not pay an official visit on any senior official of the government in their offices," he said.

"I was invited to pay an unofficial, informal visit on the President in his home, which is what I said I would be willing to do if so invited," O'Connor added.

Pressed by reporters to distinguish between a home and an office, considering that Herzog conducts his official business from his residence, O'Connor replied: "My understanding is that this is the President's residence. If it is not the President's residence, then there has been a gross mistake, because it was very clear, and I say this very seriously, it was very clear that it would not be appropriate for me, within my guidelines, to visit the President officially in his office, in Jerusalem."

The venue of both meetings was reportedly suggested to the prelate by Minister-Without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman when they met at a reception in the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv, given by Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

When he was still in Jordan, O'Connor was blasted by Herzog, though not directly or by name. "Those who would be messengers of peace" should know that "peace is not a subject for lip-service. It is a subject for encounter, for dialogue, for understanding of all points of view," Herzog said in an address to church leaders at the President's annual Christmas-New Year reception for the heads of the Christian communities in Israel Tuesday night.

Herzog added, "Men of goodwill and those would-be messengers of peace must face (realities) by not allowing themselves to become engaged in unproductive political gestures based on age-old prejudices which apparently, despite protestations to the contrary, die hard."

On Friday, O'Connor visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial where, near tears, he found it difficult to express in words the horror he felt at viewing the Holocaust exhibits.

He also visited the Western Wall, where he kissed the stones.

On Friday morning, he called on the parents of Zachary Baumel, an Israeli soldier missing in Lebanon since 1982. The cardinal prayed with the family for his welfare.

O'Connor toured Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount, where he was received by the mufti of Jerusalem, Saad E-Din Al Alami. The latter accused Israel of intentions to destroy the shrines.

O'Connor made no comment.

Aussies seen allowing entry of PLO members

By VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia — Members of the PLO will probably be allowed into Australia in 1987 as a "trade-off" for recent pro-Israel developments in Australian foreign policy.

The Australian government has steadfastly refused to recognize the PLO, and until now has strictly controlled the entry of PLO representatives into this country.

However, sources close to the foreign ministry disclosed this week that a "more liberal entry policy" will probably come into force in 1987. It would be brought in to "balance" the recent pro-Israel tilt of the Australian government. The relaxation of restrictions on visitors into the country would be a "trade-off" to placate aggrieved Arab nations annoyed by three developments in particular:

(1) the planned visit to Israel in January of Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke;

(2) the recent visit to Australia by President Chaim Herzog and the Canberra government's enthusiastic reception of him;

(3) the unanimous passage through the Australian parliament of a denunciation of UN Resolution 3379 equating Zionism with racism.

In the past visa applications have been refused for several people either affiliated to, or representing, the PLO. Farris Glubb, who describes himself as the public relations officer of the PLO's terror faction, the Palestine Liberation Front, has been repeatedly barred from undertaking speaking tours of Australia. The Palestine Liberation Front was responsible for the Achille Lauro hijacking and the murder of American passenger Leon Klinghoffer.

Visas were granted earlier, however, to Prof. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod, a member of the Palestine National Council living in the United States; and to Mysoon Shaath, a member of the General Union of Palestinian Women from the PLO ofice in Cairo. Shaath arrived unannounced from New Zealand apparently without the knowledge of the immigration department.

At a press conference in Melbourne, Hawke denied that his government's foreign policy was adversely affecting Australia's relations with the Arab world. According to a report in Melbourne's leading daily newspaper, The Age, the ambassadors of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Lebanon called on the head of the department of foreign affairs, Dr. Stuart Harris, "to register mild disapproval" of the tone of Hawke's speech in parliament denouncing the Zionism-racism equation.

Israel to display anti-terror devices

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The latest security and anti-terrorist devices, reflecting Israel's years of experience in that field, will be featured at the first international congress and exhibition promoting the export of such items to be held here in June. About 100 manufacturers will participate.

The exhibition, called Sedat, an acronym for security, defence and anti-terrorism, will be financed by the ministries of police, defence and commerce and industry. The devices will not only be displayed but will be demonstrated in mock hijackings and hostage rescue operations.

The equipment includes highly sophisticated robot sappers already in use by the Israeli police to dismantle suspicious-looking objects. Much of it is less than five years old. Exports of such devices are expected to reach $60-$80 million this year.

Countries interested in them include the Netherlands, Finland, Brazil, Argentina, Zaire, and Japan, which are expected to send delegates to the congress and exhibition.

UN forces equipped with gas masks

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The 1,400 troops of the United Nations Disengagement Observers Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights have been equipped with gas masks and other anti-chemical warfare gear and are being trained in their use, UNDOF commander Maj.-Gen. Gustav Welin disclosed recently.

Welin, who is Swedish, insisted however that the precaution does not mean that UNDOF anticipates the use of chemical weapons in a future conflict between Israel and Syria on the Heights.

He made his remarks during a Chanukah-New Year reception given by the Israel Defence Force liaison unit with UNDOF at the Ganci Hamat Hotel in Tiberias.

Welin and his deputy, Brig.-Gen. Douglas Joel, said there were no signs of suspicious activity or massing or redeployment of troops by either side on the Golan Heights. In fact, the level of forces at the moment is below the strength permitted by the 1974 disengagement agreement signed by Israel and Syria in Geneva after the Yom Kippur War, Joel said.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel is exporting secrets to the People's Republic of China — how to produce a new variety of mushroom that is tastier than all others, Yediot Achronot reported last week.

The exporter reportedly is a kibbutz in Upper Galilee which invested $300,000 to develop the special mushroom.

Negotiations with Chinese buyers have been under way for several months, Yediot Achronot said.

Australia and Latin American countries are also reported to be interested.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) Who was the first Jewish governor of the Bank of Canada?

(2) How many days can there be in a Hebrew year?

(3) The words "mazel" and "berakha" are used when a deal is finalized in what industry?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) Louis Rasminsky was appointed in 1961.

(2) 353, 354, 355.

(3) The diamond industry (used by Jews and non-Jews).

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These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

Funerals held for two victims of hotel blaze

TORONTO — Jean Vogel and Lily Snider, best friends for more than 20 years, were two of the 96 people killed in the New Year's Eve blaze in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The two unmarried friends who lived across the street from each other on Baycrest Ave. always picked a tropical resort to spend a week or two during Snider's Christmas break. She was a Grade 6 teacher at McMurrich Public School and Fogel was executive secretary for Meadows Brokers Ltd., a Metro brokerage house.

They had known each other since the Snider family moved to Baycrest Ave. where Fogel had lived her whole life. Both were in their 40s.

They were among 76 Canadians — all accounted for — booked into the Dupont, the fire at which officials now say was caused by arson. More than 140 people suffered burns, smoke inhalation and injuries sustained when they jumped through windows and off balconies to escape the smoke and flames.

Rabbi David Monson officiated at the funerals, which were held at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel.

Fogel is survived by her sister Ann Speigel.

Snider is survived by her mother Hilda and brother David.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

On Jan. 12, 1952, Tel Aviv main branch official Gershon Pe'er obtained access to the safe of Bank Feuchtwanger. Launched was one of the first — and most innocent and touching — of Israel's bank scandals.

Inquiries have blamed the share crash of October 1983 on the banks themselves. This climax of decades of financial irregularities was described by social comentator William van Leer as "brazen share-pushing on behalf of their investing clientele and shareholders. When the house of cards collapsed, the burden was . . . dumped into the taxpayers' lap."

In early 1984, details of illegal transfers of millions of dollars from the workers' bank to Israel's Labor Party and related funds shocked the country. Leading bank official Yaacov Levinson committed suicide, and the public revelations ceased.

Avraham Ofer, head of the workers' housing conglomerate Shikun Ovdim, also came under investigation for diverting funds to the party. His suicide, too, ended further revelation.

A shortage of $10 million in the Israel branch of Shaul Eisenberg's international financial empire was linked to its principal administrator Michael Albin. The Tel Aviv socialite jumped out of a high window.

Yehoshua Bension was convicted of defrauding the Israel British Bank of $47 million. He was released after two years of a 12-year term when the Likud, whom he supported, came into power. Asher Yadlin, nominated to head the Bank of Israel, received a 5-year sentence for defrauding Kupat Cholim (a national health scheme) while serving as its director-general.

Religious obligations motivated their irregularities, said Aharon Abuhatzeira, a former minister of religious affairs, and Moshe Stern, of the North American Bank.

Lost no time

Feuchtwanger's was a small bank in troubled early 50s Israel. Pe'er, a longtime trusted employee, obtained the safe's two keys under pretext during the off-hours. Next day, management found $112,000 in Israeli pounds, bills and foreign currency missing. Pe'er lost no time. He raced through Petah Tivkah to a ma'abarah (immigrants compound) outside Kfar Saba and handed out money in fistfulls. From there, he went to another ma'abarah, near Givat Olga. He was identified by police in Netanya while buying himself a pair of slacks, eyeglasses and an alarm clock.

The fact that he was carrying little money prompted the dispatch of an undercover man. The latter commended him on his charity work; Pe'er picked up a small cache and graciously invited the detective to accompany him on his next distribution. At the Dora ma'abara, Pe'er insisted that he join him. Reluctantly, the detective handed out his own meagre salary.

When arrested, Pe'er had a single pound in his pocket. He refused to tell where the bulk of the money lay hidden. "It belongs to those poor miserable immigrants in their huts," he said, insisting he was following Ben-Gurion's exhoration to welcome newcomers. He explained to police that the money was brought to be put away in the bank because its owners didn't need it. "Many even came to make their deposits in taxis," Pe'er exclaimed.

Another approach was called for. That night, the head of the Petah Tikvah police's criminal branch, Gershon Meiri, burst into Pe'er's cell with an urgent "plan" for the overthrow of "the corrupt government." The two reviewed a plot to take over the armed forces, ports and radio stations. "For all this, much money will be needed," Meiri reminded the prisoner at every appropriate opportunity. Pe'er directed him to a secluded spot along the coast. The police hurried over, to find . . . nothing.

This time, Meiri and a band of uniformed police "overpowered" the guard and freed Pe'er. The revolution was on! Pe'er led the group to the Netanya beach, from where they waded a distance of 8 km., and sang Hatikvah. Finally, he pointed to a tree, under whose roots the police dug up the rest of the money.

Pe'er was taken to the mental hospital in Acco fortress. His doctors adamantly resisted state efforts to put their Robin Hood on trial. What became of him is not clear, but his example inspired a people in a dark moment.

Bank Feuchtwanger vanished in a flurry of scandal in the early 60s.

Nissim plan approaches vote

Salary bite part of tax controversy

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

A professor of applied physics at one of Israel's leading universities is constantly being showered with job offers from top U.S. institutions of higher learning. But being an old-fashioned Zionist, he keeps turning them down, even though his salary would more than triple, going from $24,000 to $80,000 or $90,000 a year, should he accept one of them.

One thing, however, annoys him very much and could yet persuade him to leave. "On that lousy salary of $24,000," he fumes, "I have to give the government 50% in taxes, whereas my effective tax on such a sum in the United States would be 15%, and, on an American salary of $80,000 or $90,000, just 20%."

These figures are, in large measure, what lie behind the fiercely debated plan for economic reform recently submitted by Finance Minister Moshe Nissim (CJN Dec. 18). He and the economists around him argue that Israel cannot ignore tax reforms in the Western world, and particularly in the U.S. If she tries to do so, many of her most talented and ambitious citizens may simply leave.

The Nissim plan is clearly based on the American model, calling for, as the original does, an elimination of most tax concessions and a lowering of the maximum tax rate. But the Israeli scheme doesn't go nearly as far as the American one. Whereas well-paid Americans will be turning over between 15 and 28% of their incomes to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, their counterparts in Israel — even if the Nissim plan is adopted — will give the tax man about 40% (of much lower salaries).

It is certainly unfortunate that Finance Minister Nissim proposed his scheme for far-reaching reforms without first trying to reach an agreement with the trade union movement and the manufacturers, or even with most of his fellow cabinet ministers. After all, the U.S. tax reform was subject to over a year and a half of public debate before it was adopted.

Be that as it may, the proposal is now on the agenda and must be accepted or rejected.

Its chances don't look good. Vehement objections have poured in from all quarters, both to proposed cuts in government expenditure, an integral part of the plan, and to the supposedly "anti-social" nature of the new tax rates. Critics point out that it will put more money into the pockets of higher income groups, and harm (or at least not help) those on the bottom rungs of the economic ladder. A typical reaction came from Dr. Yitzhak Kadman of the Hebrew University's School of Social Work. The plan, he declared, is "immoral" because it ignores the basic premise of a just society, that "economic policy must serve social ends."

Prof. Michael Bruno, governor of the Bank of Israel and one of the architects of the plan, would agree on the aims of economic policy, but uses a different time scale than does Dr. Kadman. "Weaker elements may suffer temporarily, but," says Bruno, "in the long run they will benefit because an expanding economy, spurred by the efforts of the gifted and successful, will improve their lot as well."

The dilemma facing Israeli planners was highlighted for me this week by a story I heard about a Rehovot family which recently emigrated to the U.S. in search of economic advancement. A short time after leaving there, however, the 50-year-old father discovered that he was in need of an extremely expensive operation on his spine, which, in the U.S., he couldn't afford. So he came back temporarily to Israel, had the operation done without cost under the country's system of socialized medicine, and once he recovers will be going back to the U.S. to join the other members of his family in their search for a free enterprise fortune.

He got his operation at a time when Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almozlino is fighting mad about the proposal by Nissim to make further cuts in the government's expenditure on health and to force patients to pay, in small part, for hospitalization, visits to doctors, etc. On the contrary, she wants more government money put into health services, which, she says correctly, are in danger of breaking down for lack of funds.

Arbeli-Almozlino's demands for additional financing are echoed by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin (who cites the growing danger from Syria) and by other members of the cabinet. But meeting these demands would put paid to any reduction in tax rates and probably result in more Israeli doctors, engineers and computer experts moving to the tax-lenient U.S.

That, in an oversimplified nutshell, is the issue facing Israeli leaders today.

Iranscam Israeli's idea, North reportedly claims

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The idea of diverting money from the Iran arms sale to the Contras, the Nicaraguan rebels, came from a senior Israeli official. Attorney-General Edwin Meese told the Congress that he was so informed by Col. Oliver North, The New York Times reported, quoting Congressional sources.

"According to the Congressional sources, Mr. Meese said in a closed committee hearing that Colonel North had described the purported Israeli role when he was questioned by Mr. Meese on Nov. 23," the Times wrote.

The paper noted that North's reported statements to Meese "would suggest a larger Israeli role than has previously been acknowledged. Previously, Israel was reported only to have assisted in the secret arms sale to Iran."

According to some of the sources, Meese identified the Israeli officials as David Kimche, the former director-general of the Israeli foreign ministry. Meese reportedly said that North met with the Israeli official about a year ago to discuss the problem of how to funnel aid to the Nicaraguan rebels.

In a telephone interview with the Times, Kimche was quoted as saying: "The whole thing is ridiculous. If that is what Oliver North testified to, then he is an unmitigated liar."

He told the Times that he met North twice, in November and December 1985, and that they never discussed diverting funds to the Contras. Asked by the Times whether North might he lying and blaming him to save himself, Kimche replied: "That is exactly what I think is happening."

Terrorist gets life for attack

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A 26-year-old Palestinian terrorist was sentenced to life imprisonment by a military court in Lod recently for a bomb attack on a Jerusalem bus three years ago that killed six people and injured 50.

Ammar Ibrahim Mahmoud Naame, of Abu-Dis village near Jerusalem, confessed to planting the bomb on the bus in December, 1983. He was arrested only recently for supplying grenades used in an attack on a group of Israeli soldiers and their families near the Western Wall in the Old City.

Authorities said another terrorist who was an accomplice of Naame in the bus bombing will go on trial shortly.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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FRUM — GOTTLIEB

Barbara Frum is a national figure in Canadian broadcasting.

Frum is German for pious. It describes the quality of adherence to Jewish faith and ritual. A female was named "Frume" and, in turn, became responsible for the matronymic surname Frumkin.

Frumherz is a pious heart.

It is interesting to note that the television character Archie Bunker is an ideological kinsman. Bunker is a corruption of the French "bon coeur" — good heart.

Gottlieb — love of God is another name that connotes piety. Here too it is interesting to note the Italian "Amodeo," the Hebrew "Jedidiah," the Greek "Theodore" (in feminine "Dorothea"), and the Slavic "Bogolub" — all indicate love of God.

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Editorial

Logic of Moscow

We cannot help confessing to some small measure of satisfaction in discovering that Canada came under a rather brutal attack during a recent meeting of the Helsinki Accords group held in Vienna (CJN Dec. 18).

According to William Bauer the Soviets delivered vituperative attacks against Canada (based on a melange of clippings, moreover, from Canadian newspapers) alleging that this country condones anti-semitism and that it supports terrorism.

Canada supports terrorism?

Apparently the Soviets consider all Afghan fighters who oppose their presence in Afghanistan to be terrorists. Since Canada has gone on record at the United Nations and in Vienna as being opposed to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, this country is considered ipso facto to be supportive of terrorism.

That is the kind of logic that can come only from someone schooled in Soviet double-think.

With regard to anti-semitism, the Soviet delegate at Vienna trotted out various articles about the activity in this country of such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Nations as proof that Canada condones this anti-semitic posture.

For a Soviet representative to accuse Canada of being anti-semitic is a shameless act when all the world knows that it is the kremlin which has been the main engine of anti-semitism in the world (the Arabs running a close second).

While it is true that anti-semitism exists in Canada (and this publication has reported on its magnitude and virulence often) it must be remembered that in this country anti-semitism is the preserve of the lunatic fringe. It has not, to our best knowledge, infected the governments of our provinces or of our country.

In the Soviet Union anti-semitism is part of state policy and is expressed in the persecution, harassment and imprisonment of Refuseniks, in the foreign policy of the government towards the State of Israel and in the state-controlled press.

The fact that Canada was recently attacked by the Soviets over a human rights issue shows that our delegates are doing their jobs well!

Misplaced attack

Elie Wiesel's speech to the Nobel Prize assembly in Oslo (CJN Dec. 18) is notable for its expression of concern for suffering humanity.

Wiesel spoke eloquently of the individual travail of people such as Andrei Sakharov (since released), Lech Walesa and Nelson Mandela and described the plight of these peoples as a disgrace.

Wiesel also alluded in his speech to the need to succor the Palestinian people, "for whom," he said, "terrorism is no answer. . . .

"Violence and terrorism are not the answer. Something must be done about their suffering and soon. I trust Israel, for I have faith in the Jewish people. Let Israel be given a chance, let hatred and danger be removed from her horizon, and there will be peace in and around the Holy Land."

What Wiesel said about the suffering of the Palestinians is not surprising. In his book, *A Jew Today*, Wiesel reflects precisely in the same way about the human dimension of the Palestinian Arabs' unfortunate situation.

What is more surprising, however, is that Wiesel's views on the Palestinians have become the object of both concern and controversy among certain segments of the Jewish community. Wiesel has already been bitterly attacked in one New York City-based Jewish publication for his alleged failure to understand the nature of the Palestinians' hatred for Israel and the Jewish people.

The attack is misplaced and mean-spirited.

In Oslo, Wiesel said what had to be said about the tragic fate of the former Arab inhabitants of Palestine. They have paid dearly for the ineptitude of their leaders. Thinking to bury Israel at its birth, those leaders bequested to their people a 40-year legacy of homelessness, deprivation and suffering — most of it at the hands of their Arab cousins in Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

In commiserating with their plight, Elie Wiesel was highlighting the human dimension of their quandary. He was not commenting on the legitimacy of their political postures. Wiesel went out of his way, moreover, to condemn the violence and terrorism which has been endemic to Palestinian politics.

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Jews rebuilding in Frankfurt

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Frankfurt Jewish centre

Frankfurt, at the end of World War II, was all but destroyed. Allied bombing raids, having pounded the city relentlessly, left much of it in ruins, particularly the world-renowned medieval quarter.

The Jewish community was, for all practical purposes, non-existent. Several hundred Jews, including those of partial Jewish ancestry, had survived the Nazi regime. But they did not constitute a community in any sense of the word.

That situation changed when East European Jewish concentration camp survivors and Israelis of German origin settled in Frankfurt. The growth of the Jewish population was such that, in 1965, the first postwar Jewish school in Germany was opened. Today, about 5,500 Jews live there, making it West Germany's second largest Jewish community after West Berlin.

Recently, the Jews of Frankfurt took another important step toward rebuilding when they inaugurated a $50 million community centre containing a kindergarten, a primary school, a kosher restaurant, and religious, cultural, sports and entertainment facilities.

Financed by Jewish community and governmental funds, the centre is the first of its kind in Frankfurt, according to its architect. In the pre-Nazi era, when assimilationist tendencies were prevalent, the Jews of Frankfurt had no pressing need for one. Attitudes have changed considerably since 1945 and nowadays assimilation is largely a creed of the past among German Jewry.

Michael Friedmann, a communal leader, told Die Welt in an interview that the centre is "a place where Jews can enjoy their own way of life."

Security is tight, with $7 million having been spent on bullet-proof windows and a closed circuit television monitoring system. Every hour or so, a police car drives past, and when children have finished school, they are driven away together.

Die Welt says that threats "are constantly being made," usually anonymously.

The centre is located in the sedate West End section of the city, where Jewish real estate developers have been quite active. To the dismay of some critics, they have torn down old buildings and replaced them with faceless highrise structures.

Rainer Werner Fassbinder, the late filmmaker, was one of those who didn't like the changes taking place in the West End. Ten years ago, when he was reaching the height of his creative powers, he wrote a play that caused eyebrows to be raised. Entitled *Garbage, the City and Death*, it was a violent tale of frustrated love among homosexuals, prostitutes and other people. One of its characters, an unscrupulous Jewish estate developer, is said to have been modeled after Ignaz Bubis, a Polish Jew well-known in the Jewish community.

The play was due to have been premiered in Frankfurt's Little Theatre in October 1985. On opening night, a group of Jews occupied the stage, claiming it was anti-semitic, and *Garbage, the City and Death* was canceled. The cancellation was applauded by politicians, union leaders and intellectuals.

But it upset Gunther Ruhle, the director of the Little Theatre, who reportedly said the play should be staged because the "no-hunting season" was over for Jews in West Germany.

This quotation gained further notoriety when authors Henryk Broder and Heiner Lichtenstein used it in their books — *The Eternal Anti-Semite* and *The Fassbinder Controversy: The End of the No-Hunting Season*.

Last June, Ruhle sued Broder and Lichtenstein, saying they had misquoted him. But last month, he dropped legal proceedings against the pair. Under the terms of their settlement, Broder and Lichtenstein agreed to delete the phrase "no-hunting season" from future editions of their books, but are permitted to use less inflammatory phrases that Ruhle admits to having uttered.

Ruhle told the court he did not intend to sound anti-semitic when he used expressions like "Jewish no-hunting zones," "areas," and "reservations." Indeed, he disclaimed being anti-semitic. "Anti-semitism," he declared, "is something morally and politically reprehensible."

DESIGNER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Raymond Loewy, a French Jew, was a design genius who changed the look of North American life. Called the "father of streamlining," he gave inanimate objects a "packaged" appearance, putting his unique stamp on Coca-Cola dispensers, dinnerware, sewing machines, toasters, electric clocks, radios and television sets.

Lowey, who died recently at 92, also designed the familiar eagle silhouette logotype of the United States Postal Service and the distinctive look of the President's white Air Force One jet.

Born in Paris, he was recognized as the most influential industrial designer in America. The company he formed in the early 1930s, Raymond Loewy Associates, became the largest industrial design firm in the world. (It no longer exists.)

By 1939, Raymond Loewy Associates had more than 100 clients, with offices in New York, Chicago, South Bend, London and Sao Paulo. In consultation with his client's engineers, he designed Studebaker automobiles, International Harvester trucks, Frigidaires and aircraft fuselages for Lockheed.

There was hardly an area that escaped his touch. He designed the first all-welded locomotive, fireproof passenger liners and the interiors of New York department stores like Gimbels and Lord & Taylor.

During World War II, he directed the design of the cramped quarters on submarines and redesigned the red-and-green Lucky Strike cigarette package.

His artistic creed is well-remembered. "Good design," he said, "keeps the user happy, the manufacturer in the black and the aesthete unoffended."

EDITOR PAR EXCELLENCE

The name Nathan Ausubel may not ring a bell. But Ausubel was a formidable figure in Jewish publishing.

He edited and/or compiled a series of books that have a place of honor in many Jewish libraries.

The works with which he is associated include *Pictorial History of the Jewish People*, *A Treasury of Jewish Folklore*, *A Treasury of Jewish Poets* **and** *The Book of Jewish Knowledge*.

Ausubel, who died in November at the age of 88, was born in Galicia, in what is now Poland, and immigrated to the U.S. in 1902.

Ausubel's books were clearly written and profusely illustrated with photographs, and adults and children alike could enjoy them immensely.

He will be missed.

PRESS BARON

Robert Maxwell, the British tycoon, was in the news recently when he won a $375,000 libel case against Private Eye, the irreverent magazine. In his suit, Maxwell claimed that Private Eye had cast him in the role as a bullying, megalomaniacal publisher.

"I'm a man that everyone loves to hate," he has said, summarizing a life of success in his adopted homeland.

Maxwell, the publisher of The Daily Mirror tabloid (circulation 3.6 million), has a fortune estimated at $200 million.

Born into a Jewish family 63 years ago, in Slovakia, Maxwell was known as Jan Ludwig Hoch before he changed his name. It appears he has also tinkered with his religion. A recent edition of the Jewish Chronicle's glossy magazine, published in London, reveals that Maxwell "ceased to be a practicing Jew" before he immigrated to Britain on the eve of World War II.

The magazine reports that Maxwell wrote the Chronicle in 1964 to inform its editors that he was "now a member of the Church of England." However, in the same article, Maxwell is quoted as saying that he considers himself Jewish and that he will "die Jewish."

Robert Maxwell

Opinion

Staunch defender of Israel and Zionism

Andrei Sakharov: Fighter for rights of Soviet Jews

LONDON (JTA) —

Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet Human Rights champion, is a hero to world Jewry and to the Soviet Jewish emigration movement. He has not only spoken out for the right to emigrate to Israel but has stoutly defended the Jewish state and Zionism at a time when both are reviled by his own country.

This emerges from a record of his support for Jewish causes published on the eve of his release from internal exile, by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, the research arm of the World Jewish Congress.

Writing in the Institute's Journal of Soviet Jewish Affairs, William Korey, director of B'nai B'rith International's policy research, recalls that as early as 1968, the then 47-year-old physicist raised the Jewish issue on both internal and external levels.

He sharply attacked the backsliding into anti-semitism in the appointments policy of the Soviet Communist Party and said Soviet support for the Arabs had given Moscow a direct responsibility for the outbreak of the Six Day War. Sakharov had described Russia's Arab allies as in no way socialist, and said Israel had undertaken a preventive war.

In the Leningrad and Riga trials of Jewish activists, Sakharov assumed a prominent, if not central, role in the struggle for fundamental freedoms, adds Korey. On Dec. 24, 1970, a Leningrad court handed down harsh verdicts, including two death sentences for an attempted plane hijacking.

Four days later, Sakharov appealed to President Podgorny to prevent the execution of Mark Dymshits and Eduard Kuznetsov. He pointed to extenuating circumstances, noting that the group did not endanger anybody's life.

Sakharov's protest was taken seriously. When the appeal of the Leningrad Eleven was heard before the Soviet Supreme Court in Moscow, he was admitted into the courtroom and was able to inform Western reporters of the revocation of the death penalties and the reduction of other sentences. Sakharov's presence in the courtroom encouraged the Jews to believe they were not alone in the USSR struggle for emigration.

It was there, too, that he met Yelena Bonner, a relative of the Kuznetsovs, who later became his wife and was to share his exile to the closed city of Gorky. Sakharov himself was born into a Russian Orthodox family. Yelena Bonner had a Jewish mother and an Armenian father.

On March 19, 1971, Sakharov turned to the question of anti-Jewish discrimination in employment and higher education made possible by the internal passport system prevailing in the USSR which records citizens nationality. Together with two other leading academics he appealed to the Soviet leadership to abolish registration of nationality in passports and questionnaires.

In 1971, too, he questioned the Soviet official view of Zionism and the Jewish desire to go to Israel. As a member of the Soviet Committee on Human Rights, he associated himself with a letter defending Zionism against the Soviet press description of it as reactionary and practically fascist.

The committee's letter stated that Zionism was no more than the idea of Jewish statehood and one can only admire the persistence of an ancient and persecuted people who, in very difficult circumstances, have resurrected a long-vanished state.

In 1972, Sakharov again intervened physically on a Jewish issue when, after the massacre of Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich, he joined a small group of Jewish activists demonstrating in front of the Lebanese embassy in Moscow. The protest against the massacre was quickly ended by the police who arrested the demonstrators, including Sakharov.

In 1973, he intervened over the much more politically sensitive issue of American trade credits for the Soviet Union by supporting the Jackson-Vanik amendment in Congress linking U.S. economic concessions to a relaxation on Soviet emigration.

Korey comments: "Sakharov's intervention required extraordinary courage. It was the first time that any Soviet citizen had publicly appealed over the head of his own government to a foreign government to act in direct opposition to the vital interests of the kremlin.

"He was called by the deputy procurator-general of the USSR and threatened with punishment. Instead of capitulating, he addressed an open letter to the U.S. Congress urging it to support the Jackson-Vanik amendment, and warned that its abandonment — being urged by the Nixon administration — would mean a betrayal of the thousands of Jews and non-Jews who want to emigrate."

In October 1973, Sakharov again rallied to the side of embattled Israel with an interview to a Lebanese correspondent in which he said that the issue at stake was Israel's right to life and its very existence, while the Arabs were motivated by prestige and nationalistic prejudices.

To end the conflict, he urged direct negotiations and Arab recognition of Israel's right to existence within borders ensuring its military security, its fundamental economic interests and prospective emigration there.

In November 1975, when a majority of the United Nations General Assembly defined Zionism as a form of racism and racial discrimination, he courageously denounced its decision as an abomination.

From time to time in the mid-1970s Anatoly Scharansky had acted as Sakharov's secretary and translator. Following the arrest of the young computer specialist on espionage charges, Sakharov spoke out for him and vouched for his innocence.

As Scharansky's trial unfolded in mid-July 1978, Sakharov joined a crowd of 150 protesters outside the courtroom and, as the defendant was finally rushed away to prison without being given a last meeting with his mother, Sakharov shouted at the police, "You are not people. You are fascists."

Eighteen months later, Sakharov and Yelena Bonner themselves were banished to Gorky. Korey concludes: "Among the reasons for the KGB's determination to silence him, no doubt his advocacy of Jewish rights and of Israel was an important one."

Andrei Sakharov

Anti-Israel votes rise at UN

By
YITZHAK RABI

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) —

Efforts to isolate and defame Israel in last year's General Assembly were not successful. This was indicated by the fact that there was only a slight increase — about 5% — in support for anti-Israel resolutions.

According to a survey by the Israel mission to the UN, released to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, while 54% of the 153-member Assembly supported anti-Israel resolutions in 1985, such resolutions in 1986 garnered 59%.

Eyal Arad, Israel's UN spokesman, pointed out, however, that many of the resolutions in last year's Assembly were "watered-down" versions of the same resolutions of 1985 and that some of these resolutions did not mention Israel by name.

A case in point, Arad said, was the resolution calling for conveying of an "international conference" to solve the Middle East crisis.

"Many countries which in 1985 either abstained or voted against the 'international conference' voted in favor of it last year" Arad observed.

The vote last year on convening an international peace conference was 123-3 with 19 abstentions. In 1985, the vote was 107-3, with 19 abstentions.

Another reason for the slight increase in support for anti-Israel resolutions, according to Arad, was that many of the countries which did not participate in 1985 votings — and were therefore considered as supporting Israel — were successfully mobilized to vote against Israel in 1986.

Arad noted that there were 24 anti-Israeli resolutions in the just-concluded General Assembly, about the same as 1985. The resolutions attacked Israel on a range of issues, for its alleged ties to South Africa and its alleged nuclear capabilities to the issues of Palestinian refugees, the occupied territories, the Mideast conflict and human rights.

The survey showed that Western bloc countries continued to record the highest level of support of Israel by casting negative votes on anti-Israeli resolutions. They voted against 71% of the resolutions in 1986, compared with 73% the previous year.

There was a decline of 1% from 58 in 1985 to 57 in 1986 in the voting against anti-Israeli resolutions by Central American countries and a decline from 31% in 1985 to 27% in 1986 by South American countries.

The survey pointed out that the United States continued to record the highest level of support of Israel by an individual country.

Innocuous title of book should not mislead reader

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Don't be misled by a recently issued book bearing the innocuous title of *Jews in America Today*, published by the reputable firm of Lyle Stuart, Inc.

The book is about Jews, about America and about Israel as well. Since it defies any kind of orthodox review, I have no choice but to dip into its pages and let it speak for itself. None of these quotations are taken out of context. They are typical of the contents, the spirit and the message of the volume.

On America, the author writes that the U.S. is now known not as the land of the free and the home of the brave, but as "the land of the freak and the home of the knave." It is a country "overwhelmingly inhabited by apathetic political naifs." He looks forward to the "final battle" against exploitation and oppression, and is wrathful that the Jews will not be in the trenches fighting that battle on the side of the oppressed. He mourns that they cannot be counted on "in the coming American revolution." Though he presumably lives in the U.S., America is in many ways "repulsive to any sensitive person."

On Israel he has much to say. His ideal: to build "support for a democratic, secular Palestine." How was Israel created? Given half the country in the 1947 partition, the Zionists were not satisfied. "Terror was their weapon to widen the conquest." The author is proud that a previous book of his will, in his words, always be a "razor at Zionism's jugular."

He utilizes 15 and more pages to vent his ire at those who reviewed that work critically. Of course everyone who did not like the book was a knave or worse. To him the kibbutzim are "racist institutions," Hadassah is "politically vulgar," the "ugly Israelis" are seen as "brash at best, and often untrustworthy hustlers." Gleefully he heads one section, in bold face, with a quotation from somebody: "Israel draws to it the insane, the fanatics, the extremists."

He hints that he is himself Jewish, but of course, he is far superior to the other Jews, who have "made it (in America) fair and foul, in American ways: slaveholding, slumlording, bribery, etc., as well as sweating and studying." He has a hangup on rich Jews, the capitalists, and devotes scores of pages to excoriating them. Even when citing otherwise cold statistics he has a knack of doing so with a nasty sneer and with open contempt for the Jews. He knows how to use pejorative words to create maximum negative impressions.

But Jews don't have to be rich to merit his smearing. The lower East Side, he is happy to report, was characterized by its Jewish white slave traffic and its whorehouses. He tells that American Jews have become masters of the use of bribery. "The shmeer artists are an outcropping of the notorious shtetl mentality."

The author has his heroes, too. They include Vanessa Redgrave and Hafez Assad, of Syria. Louis Farrakhan's notorious observations are given ample space.

There are 361 pages of this, not counting the index. More typical examples, on women's rights: "The only way Jewish women can ever get equality with Jewish men is when they unite with the Palestinian masses and replace the Zionist state with a democratic, secular Palestine."

The plight of Soviet Jewry is treated archly. He points out that the first Jew in space was Col. Boris Volynov, who went up in 1969 and again in 1976, whereas America's first Jewish astronaut, the late Judy Resnik, did not go up until years later! This is apparently supposed to prove something.

During the Holocaust the Zionists collaborated with the Nazis, and as a result, there are "six million Jewish skeletons in the closet, skeletons that are now beginning to bang loudly on the door."

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I think that even the author will agree that all of the above are fair and accurate excerpts from the book. With such a text, which speaks for itself, who needs to write a review? Normally, this book should have been ignored, but I have given it this much space becaue it is handsomely produced by a reputable publisher, and because many may be misled by its innocent-sounding title.

The author is one Lenni Brenner who, I am happy to say, I never heard of before, though his writings have appeared in *Arab Perspectives*, and his previous book was lauded by *Izvestia*.

It would appear that his personal philosophy is that of a frustrated Trotskyite who hates the capitalists, mocks the liberals and mourns the disappearance of a revolutionary labor movement, but still dreams of the coming revolution which will smash the capitalist establishment in America and the state of Israel with it.

Opinion

Canadian filmmaker Lantos is coming on strong

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

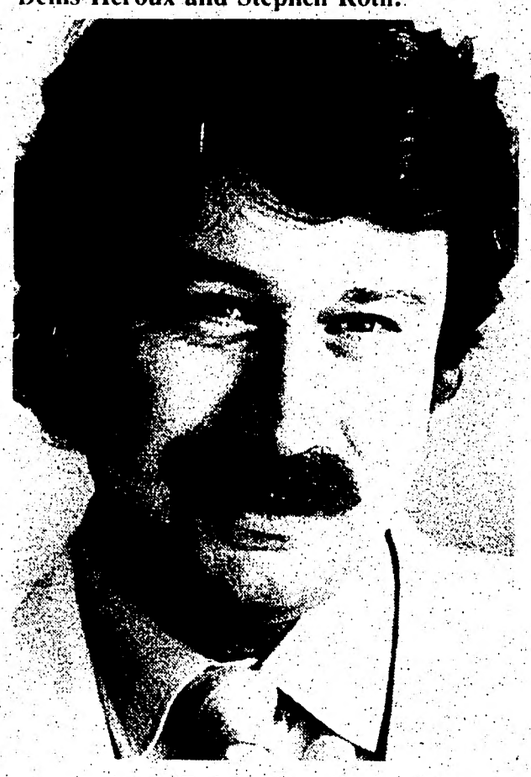
If you go to the movies or watch TV, you've probably seen at least one film by the Alliance Entertainment Corporation.

Canada's leading private film and television production company, Alliance produced $73 million worth of films in 1986, and more likely than not, its volume in 1987 will be even higher.

Last year, Alliance's big TV hit was *The Sword of Gideon*, televised on the CTV network. Based on *Vengeance*, a book by Toronto writer George Jonas, it tells the alleged story of an Israeli hit team which hunted down and assassinated seven Palestinian leaders who had a hand in the 1972 Munich Olympic massacre.

Alliance's most ambitious feature film of 1986, *The Wraith*, a supernatural adventure, is still playing in North American theatres.

Formed in 1985, Alliance was the brainchild of four men: Robert Lantos, John Kemeny, Denis Heroux and Stephen Roth.



Robert Lantos

Lantos, 37, is one of Canada's best known filmmakers, having produced *Joshua Then And Now*, *In Praise Of Older Women* and *The Sword of Gideon*.

The son of Holocaust survivors, he was born in Budapest and lived in Montevideo and Montreal before establishing himself in Toronto.

Agnes, his mother, languished in a ghetto for part of the war and later was hidden by a Christian family who supplied her with false Aryan papers.

Laszlo, his deceased father, was conscripted into a forced labor unit of the Hungarian Army on the Russian front. In fear of being killed as a Jew, he spent the final months of the war on an island game reserve in the Danube River. Until his recent death, he owned an Hungarian pastry shop on Sherbrooke St., in Montreal.

Robert Lantos, who describes his life as "an eclectic mishmash of cultural currents," was a child actor in a children's theatre from the age of 2 to 8. The family immigrated to Uruguay in 1958, and there Lantos fell in love with movies, particularly westerns, war pictures and comedies. in Montreal, where the Lantos settled in 1963, Lantos deepened his fascination with film.

Looking back, Lantos says he decided to become a filmmaker while studying at McGill University. After obtaining a BA with honors in English, he enrolled in the MA program in communications. One of his teachers was John Grierson, founder and first commissioner of the National Film Board of Canada.

Although the study of film largely consumed him during these years, he dabbled in journalism as well. He served on the board of the McGill Daily and wrote for the Montreal Star and Midnight, that notorious sex-and-scandal sheet. Lantos, who usually prefers fiction to fact, enjoyed the Midnight experience so much that he produced an article for Saturday Night entitled Lying for Fun and Profit.

After finishing his studies, he founded Vivafilm Ltd. in collaboration with a Montreal lawyer named Stephen Roth. Vivafilm, now a subsidiary of Alliance, distributes Quebecois, French, Italian and German films.

In 1975, Lantos and Roth established RSL Entertainment Corporation. RSL, which would eventually be swallowed up by Alliance, churned out 11 features in a decade.

As a producer, Lantos has turned out 12 feature films (including *L'Ange et la Femme*, *Agency*, *Suzanne*, *Your Ticket is no Longer Valid*, *Night Magic* and *Separate Vacations*), 4 TV movies (*Overdrawn at the Memory Bank* and *Perfect Timing*), one mini series (*The Sword of Gideon*) and one TV series, (*Night Heat*).

The films of which he is most proud include *Joshua Then And Now*, *In Praise of Older Women*, and *The Sword of Gideon*.

Lantos says he made Joshua in face of tremendous obstacles. Major U.S. studios rejected the script, based on Mordecai Richler's uproarious comic novel set in Montreal, the Eastern Townships, London and Spain. Finally, 20th Century Fox took it, and Joshua became the most expensive film in Canadian history. "Joshua was not financially lucrative," says Lantos, who is married to actress Jennifer Dale. "We lost on that."

A scene from Joshua Then And Now, produced by Robert Lantos, a force in Canadian film.

Nevertheless, Lantos has no regrets. "I loved Richler's book. The story contains a unique, delightful and eccentric cast of characters so particular to a part of Montreal life."

Lantos brims over with pride as he discusses *In Praise Of Older Women*(1977). He had read the book which inspired the film and had been tremendously impressed by it. "It spoke to me personally, and it was a wonderful experience taking something I liked, putting it on the screen and watching people line up to see it."

He is "very proud" of *The Sword of Gideon*, which reviewers praised. Lantos says he wanted to become involved in the project because it contained two elments that appealed to him on a personal level: the Olympics and the slaughter of Jewish athletes in a country like Germany.

In sharp contrast to Gideon or Joshua, there are some projects he'd rather just forget. "There were films I didn't like from the beginning," he concedes, declining to name names. "They were fabricated for what was perceived to be a marketing opportunity. Financially, it was imperative to make them."

Asked about these bombs, Lantos comes up with a contradictory answer. He says he'd rather crank out a bad film than no film at all. But a minute later, he revises his view by explaining that, as a result of his "professional strength and experience," he can now find "a way to set up projects I like."

One project he is currently pursuing is a 2-hour pilot for a new CBC TV series, *Mount Royal*. Max Cohen, one of the writers of *Roots*, the acclaimed U.S. series, is working on it. *Mount Royal*, which is set in Montreal, is about a powerful French-Canadian family.

So far in his career, Lantos has not directed a single film. "I haven't had time to direct," he says. "I don't want to direct on an off-the-cuff basis. You can't run a company and be a director."

Lantos, though, seems satisfied in his perennial role as a producer. A good producer, he notes, must excite and inspire others, be they directors or writers. And he must make fast decisions, sometimes one a minute.

Invariably, money is at the root of many of them. "There is non-stop pressure to spend more money, and often you have to say no."

Predictably, Lantos must make compromises... compromises that, he hopes, do not do injury to the overall health of a film.

He is sanguine about Alliance's future.

With offices in Toronto, Montreal, Los Angeles and Paris, Alliance should be able to exploit the international marketplace to its fullest potential, he says.

And when he analyzes Alliance's present position, he also exudes optimism. "No one in Canada can come close to us in volume. Only a couple of years ago, this would have been unthinkable."

Profits in 1986 were good and Lantos does not expect any downturn in the immediate years ahead.

Robert Lantos and his partners are clearly a force to be reckoned with, not only in Canada, but throughout the world.

Health heads the list

Basic hopes to make new year happy

By
RABBI BERNARD BASKIN

The advent of a new year is a time for some vital questions. What is it that we want from the 12 months that lie ahead? What are those qualities that will render them significant and filled with meaning?

It seems to me that we should have at least four basic hopes for the coming year. However, these desires can only be realized if there is a firm resolution or determination on our part where each of them is concerned.

The first thing we should want is health. This is primary. Health adds zest and savor to our years. With radiant health we are naturally optimistic — the world lies before us like a land of pleasant dreams. Without health everything soon turns to ashes in our mouth. All our hopes are blighted, our spirits sag, the universe takes on a sombre aspect.

But the matter of health, you say, is out of our hands. If anything is beyond our control this is it. But multitudes of people take the boon of health and throw it away. They drive their bodies relentlessly. They allow themselves no rest. They refuse to learn the secret of moderation. Or they are perfectionists who demand the impossible from themselves. It is no wonder that two widespread medical problems of our age are heart-failure and mental disability. Then there are those who give their appetites free rein. They eat, drink, smoke or drug themselves into the grave.

We want health during the next 12 months, but we will only achieve it if we can view our body as the "temple of the spirit" and are prepared to accept the road of moderation and sensible deprivation.

The second thing we should want in the coming year is economic security. We need to provide for ourselves and our families. We want recognition for our work, a fair return for our labors. We want enough to educate our children properly and to provide adequately for social and cultural activities. We want to get something aside for our later years. All of this is understandable and desirable.

But here too, there is a necessary resolution and that is that economic security must be a means to an end, not an end in itself. We must be concerned as much with making a life as we are with making a living. We should pray that what we do gain should not be at the expense of others — or at the expense of our self-respect and most cherished ethical ideals.

We must never worship material possessions, sacrificing health, honor and family to obtain them. When "things are in the saddle," they ride us; they do not belong to us, we belong to them.

I believe that we will not soon see the kind of prosperity that many of us enjoyed in the 60s and 70s. Looking back, I don't believe that our economic wellbeing made us any happier. The rate of suicide went up throughout the age of abundance — as did divorce, alcoholism and drug addiction. None of the indices of happiness were there. In our desire for economic gain, may we never confuse ends with means or blind ourselves to other human beings.

The third thing we should desire in the coming year, is friendship and kindness. Life can never achieve full meaning or satisfaction unless we experience the warmth, the affection, the appreciation and interest of other people. And we need friends who are sincere, with whom we are not obliged to maintain false social standards, with whom we can find relaxation of mind and spirit.

On the occasion of his 94th birthday, the late Will Durant was interviewed by the press. One of our most prolific authors, he wrote, an 11-column biography of mankind, *The Story of Civilization*. In the interview, Durant was asked what piece of wisdom he would distil from a lifetime of reading and reflecting. "If you insist upon one brief answer," he said, "I say kindness." And that is, in my opinion, the finest, most successful method of behavior, not merely of a man to his wife, or vice versa, but of a man to his neighbor, of any individual to the individuals he meets.

The person who has not learned kindness remains uneducated no matter how many diplomas adorn his office walls or the number of degrees that follow his signature. The person who has learned to be kind has mastered the most vital subject in life's curriculum.

But such kindness and friendship are not found. They are made. Warmth responds to warmth, affection to affection, friendship to friendship. Someone once said: "Friendship is contagious. The trouble is, many of us wait to catch it from someone else, when we might better be giving them a chance to catch it from us."

Finally, during the coming year I think we can be most truly alive, and mature if we can achieve a sense of the "mystery" and "wonder" of life. Each of us is a finite creature, our few years a flash of light between two dark eternities, our being merely a speck on the charts of time. Yet each of us can dream great dreams and participate in the marvelous work of creation.

The more we know about ourselves and the world in which we live, the greater becomes the realm of the unknown. This is the verdict of the great scientists, no less than the poets. From the smallest atom to worlds of almost unimaginable magnitude there is so much that lies beyond human knowledge and the human ken. Now all of this should engender a sense of wonder.

Socrates taught that all philosophy began in wonder. This is certainly true of religion and so it is with scientific research. Einstein said, "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the 'mysterious.' It is the source of all true science."

May 1987 fulfil our deepest longings and make real our innermost dreams.

Opinion

And this is how we came here . . .

It was shif-kantorn and shif-karten that did it

By
J. B. SALSBERG

And so we begin a new year of precious weekly rendezvous in this privileged corner. And, since it can't hurt, let's embrace and wish each other the best, the very best, of everything in the coming 12 months.

Now, as all old-timers know, I always fret that our younger generations will forget, (if they ever knew) how their pioneering fathers and grandfathers lived in "the old country," and how they came to "America," even though it was Canada; and how they started life here.

J. B. Salsberg

I try, therefore, from time to time, to confront them with as authentic a picture of that fast-receding past as I'm capable of painting. I do this in the hope that our unadorned, but truly admirable and even heroic past will not be distorted by the insecure social climbers who like to present their simple forebears as royal personages or, at least, as daring and dashing merchant princelings.

I just can't stand such humbug!

Why does the distortion of our real past irk me? Because it is an unforgivable sin to the real visage of a truly pioneering people — warts, wrinkles and every other natural characteristic that the hard, often cruel objective circumstances have imprinted upon them. Those insecure social climbers, who try to put false faces upon their ancestors, (who, heaven help us, may have enjoyed radishes, garlic and onions), such offspring are unworthy of their progenitors.

At this point you may justifiably ask what it was that triggered this wrathful outburst within me — me, the epitome of kindness and consideration towards all, even if they transgress? The answer is really a simple one.

As all regular visitors to this corner know, I dislike sham, pretence and, what is called, airs. Only the unsure and the insecure escape reality and settle in fairyland. Real people, like our ancestors were, faced reality, tried hard to adjust to the new reality and then tried to alter that reality. In addition, I abide by a theory that it never hurts to be a bit critical of pretensions.

And now to the real spark that launched my present sermon.

As everyone knows I had never "gone south" in winter; never until four years ago when my friends conspired and kidnapped me from my winter comforts and deposited me in the unnatural climatic conditions of Florida. While they no longer resort to kidnapping they don't hesitate to bring irresistible pressure upon me from the moment the first leafs flutter to earth until I surrender, usually in February.

This year is no exception. Every day, one or another of my friends checks on me to find out whether I have already made reservations or whether I realize that I may be without a roof over my head if I dilly-dally any longer. That kind of pressure is also exerted in the matter of reserving "a seat" on a Florida-bound plane.

Well, I'm only human, so I finally assured them that I will definitely see my "steamship ticket office" the next day. I actually said it in Yiddish: Goot . . . morgen vel ich reden mit mein shif-kantor, (tomorrow I will speak to my steamship agent). Well, I was the recipient of a lot of good-humored ridicule.

Don't I know that steamship agencies (shif-kantorn) have gone the way of the dinosaurs and now we have "Travel Agencies" that book and package everything for you? Sure, I know, I humored them, but if a shif-kantor was good enough for our fathers and grandfathers why isn't it good enough for us? I then proceeded to remind them that:

- Almost all of our early immigrant fathers came in slow-moving ships and, in steerage at that. At a somewhat later date they came as "third class" passengers. (There were only three classes.)
- As a result of those long voyages — 10 days, two weeks and more to cross the Atlantic — and the unavoidable propinquity (look it up in your dictionary), many good and not-so-good things happened on those voyages to the "New World."

New attachments were made and old ones were — oy vei — forgotten and a new category of Jewish family relationship was created; it was the category of "shif-brieder" and "shif-shvester" (ship-brother and ship-sister) that was born in the stormy lap of the brooding Atlantic.

Most Jewish passengers — especially the women — brought their own kosher food supplies aboard the ships; such as herring, vorshten (salami), onions, garlic, dried fruit and baked cookies of different variety. Ship-brothers and sisters often exchanged edible items and thus acquired outlandish recipes from their Polish, Russian, Galician, Romanian and other counterparts.

But that's not what I started out to to deal with; I just got sidetracked. What I really wanted to do was to deal with the historic, social and cultural factor of the shif-karte and the shif-kantor in the early days of our sojourn in this glorious land. I will, hopefully, throw new light and new wisdom on that period of our history.

Be prepared. And prepare all your friends!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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LAS VEGAS NOT FOR SHULS!

I noticed lately that more and more synagogues are sponsoring Las Vegas nights. There are two issues here that bother me:

1. Is there really such a desperate need for funds? It is hard for me to accept the fact that, through dues and other more dignified means, the synagogues cannot more than meet their expenses.

2. Do we have to resort to gambling? It seems strange for a person like myself, brought up during more difficult times. We were able to provide money not only to cover the needs of our local institutions but places in Israel and Europe as well.

Maybe the day of the *pushka* is over, but let's not replace it with Las Vegas nights.

R. Malitzky
Toronto

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PRAISES HOLOCAUST BOOK

I believe that your readers — and especially school teachers — would benefit from reading an excellent book about the Holocaust, *Secretaries Of Death.*

Written by Lore Shelley, with the research financed by her husband, the book can be ordered from Shengold Publishers Inc., 23 W. 45th St., New York, 10036.

Shelley got information from survivors who have records of the offices of the Gestapo. She went to Auschwitz, copied from the archives of the museum in Oswiecim Brzezinka, where further records were found.

In January, 1945, the Gestapo had no time to destroy all records in Auschwitz. At the same time, some of the office workers who were prisoners saved lives in the last weeks of Hitler's downfall.

The book is filled with facts, but is eased by short biographies of those prisoners who worked in the Gestapo offices and, by miracles, remained alive. This was contrary to the plan of the German SS administration. These office workers were supposed to be used as long as they were needed and killed afterwards because they knew too much, and because killing was on the agenda of the Nazi administration.

Some of these office workers survived and made a good life for themselves.

Their short biographies tell facts about Hitler's vicious plans and the millions that were systematically brought in cattle cars and burned in the crematoriums.

But the book tells also about miracles and about the success of some who are living a happy life, and trying to make their families and friends happy.

Helen Grossman
Toronto

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THEY'RE HUNG UP ON TIME

You might consider heading this letter "Eternal vs. Hung up on Time."

It's my answer to the Nov. 27 letter by Sam Hoffman, which you headed "Bravo for prof's chutzpah."

Hoffman was applauding the speech given by York University Prof. Sally Zerker, in which she castigated ultra-Orthodox Israelis for their return to so-called "medievalism."

In particular, she castigated ultra-Orthodox Jews for exploiting female labor in order to allow males to spend time in the *kollel.*

Those who see the world in terms of the epochs arbitrarily delineated by men (medieval, Victorian, modern) and see their life as ending with their death, cannot comprehend the lifestyle of Jews dedicated to Torah.

Not only do *Kollel* families return to "medievalism," but they also wish to return to the time of the wandering in the desert or the time of the first and second Temples.

In any case, they are just as fulfiled now as then or in the future, because Torah transcends time.

Those who carry on the tradition of Torah don't have to "return" to any epoch. They are and always have been in the right spiritual place.

Kollel students do not "spend time." They "enrich time," they "continue time." And may God continue to bless our Torah students, for *all* mankind is blessed through them.

Susan Browman
Toronto

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INDESTRUCTIBLE JEWISH SPIRIT

Re S. Kohn's Dec. 11 letter headed "Says Holocaust trivialized," which attacks Rabbi Immanuel Schochet for equating the Nazi killing of Jewish bodies with the murdering of Jewish souls by the Jews For Jesus sect:

I am a survivor of the Holocaust who has lost precious parents, brothers and sisters in Auschwitz. Thus I can certainly "fathom the brutal torture and suffering the Nazis inflicted upon Jews" and, needless to add, I have "not always slept in a warm bed."

Yet I am also one of those who can see why bodily harm inflicted upon a people, however devastating, is not as fatal as the killing of the Jewish soul.

After all, we are witness to the fact that in spite of terrible injuries at the hands of our many enemies throughout the generations, we have, miraculously survived as a nation due to the indestructible Jewish spirit.

The Jews for Jesus, who aim its weapons towards that spirit, is indeed doomed at the outset of that endeavor, as it is battling on very delicate ground.

It is trying by deceptive means to first deform, and ultimately annihilate that eternal Jewish fortress which houses and sanctifies the name of God on earth. How apropos the words of King David: "Their sword will pierce their own heart and their bows be broken" (Psalms 37 verse 15).

G. Feinstat
Toronto

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ISRAEL LOSING ITS CREDIBILITY?

Re your Dec. 4 article headed "Jerusalem sheds light on Iranian role":

Approximately two years ago, I confronted a member of the Israeli consulate and asked him to comment on an article in the New York Times concerning Israel's selling of arms to Iran.

He categorically denied the report and was even hostile and insulted because I brought it up. We know now that Israel has, in fact, on several occasions sold arms to Iran. The member of the consulate was obviously lying to me, and to others.

We now see a similar situation before us and I would like to quote from your article: "For several weeks, despite reports to the contrary, Israel insisted it had not been involved in the burgeoning controversy." In other words, they lied.

A pattern seems to be emerging of a country whose reports and comments, whether emanating from a member of the consulate or the foreign minister of Israel himself, are not to be believed. Israel is losing credibility and I no longer know when to believe or to trust its representatives.

Unfortunately, over the years, the attitude of other races towards the Jews and their involvement in business and trading, was not exactly painted with a lily-white brush.

It is bad enough for a Jew to survive with the numerous, hostile pockets of anti-semitism that still exists today. But to have a country that is identified as "Jewish" and one that is implicated in "shady business dealings," where millions of dollars in profits were realized from involvement with the enemy, so to speak, gives tremendous fuel for the anti-semites' fire.

Everyone and every country should do what is necessary in order to survive. However, with Israel there seems to be a dividing line missing somewhere that seems to be lacking in pride and morality, and yet so full of "shady denials," untrue comments and prostituting oneself in order to stay on top.

It is time Israel takes a long hard look at itself, and despite the fact that it has arrogantly shunned world opinion for years, how the world perceives them and Jews in general is tremendously important, whether they like it or not. It doesn't take much to rekindle the smoldering fire.

Dr. Lawrence Gaum
Toronto

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HE'S EXPOSED BEHIND VIEWFINDER

Re Frank Rasky's Dec. 4 profile on me headed "Gilbert seeks to capture human feelings in photos" and subheaded "Holds 40-year retrospective at O'Keefe Centre":

I want to thank you for Mr. Rasky's magnificent article.

He writes that I come across "as a rather shy and supersensitive introvert, who conceals himself behind the viewfinder of one of his $5,000 Hasselblad cameras."

If that is so, his perceptive profile has certainly exposed me from behind my place of concealment.

It was very warm and human, and we've had calls from friends as far away as Florida who were very taken with the quality of the article.

We would appreciate it if you could extend our gratitude to Frank Rasky for his probing analysis of my personality and career.

Al Gilbert
Toronto

Master photographer Al Gilbert praises staff writer Frank Rasky for exposing his personality which is usually concealed behind a camera viewfinder.

World-National

Senator Lazarus Phillips is seen accepting an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Lazarus Phillips

Retired senator dies at 91

MONTREAL —

Lawyer and retired senator Lazarus Phillips died last week at the age of 91.

Phillips, who was a senior partner in the law firm of Phillips & Vineberg, was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Lester Pearson in February, 1968 and retired in October, 1970. During that time, he prepared with Senator Salter Hayden a report on the White Paper proposals for tax reform presented to the Senate.

Phillips was the defeated Liberal candidate in a 1943 federal byelection in the then largely Jewish riding of Cartier. He once said in the Senate: "I come . . . from an ancient and proud race, and I practice a religion which has not been unconnected with the spread of civilization on this planet.

"I should like to feel that when the Right Honorable Lester Pearson recommended my appointment to this chamber he had in mind giving recognition to the ethnic group to which I belong."

A native of Montreal, Phillips served overseas in the Canadian army during World War I. He received his law degrees from McGill University in 1918 and specialized in corporation law.

He was named King's Counsel in 1930 and awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1946. He received honorary degree from McGill, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Yeshiva University and Bar-Ilan University.

Bar-Ilan established the Senator Lazarus Phillips Chair in History in 1976.

Phillips was honored for his services to the Jewish community and State of Israel at the 1967 Centennial Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund in Montreal. He was cited for his efforts to strengthen the bonds between the Jewish community and the community at large.

Phillips was known for his characteristics of intellect, judgment and integrity.

He was a past president of United Talmud Torahs of Montreal and active with Canadian Jewish Congress in various capacities over many years, as well as the United Jewish War Relief, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society and other Zionist and communal organizations and campaigns. He was honored with the Human Relations Award by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in 1970.

He was affiliated with several cultural and social societies, among them the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Royal Empire Society and the Montefiore Club. Phillips also held directorships in the Royal Bank of Canada, the Montreal Trust Company and other corporations.

Pearson, in congratulating Phillips on being the Negev Dinner honoree, wrote: "In your profession, in community service, you have demonstrated an honest concern for your fellow man and for those human values on which our Canadian citizenship must be built.

"You have contributed generously to the betterment of your city, your province and your country and in so doing you have won the respect and gratitude of those with whom you have associated and those you have served."

Phillips' mentor was S.W. Jacobs, member of Parliament for Cartier from 1917-38, with whom he practiced law until the 40s.

Predeceased by his wife Rosalie, Phillips is survived by two sons, Neil and Ivan, both of New York.

Ottawa's Freiman a communal pioneer

OTTAWA —

Lawrence Freiman, a former president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, died last week of a heart attack at his winter home in Palm Beach, Fla. at age 77.

Freiman, who was also the founding chairman of Ottawa's United Jewish Appeal campaign, was a philanthropist and the former owner of what was once the national capital's major department store.

His father, A.J. Freiman, was founding president of the Zionist Organization of Canada and its national president for 25 years. His mother, Lilliam Freiman, was a founder and first national president of Hadassah-WIZO.

Freiman joined his father's business in 1931 and became president and general manager of A.J. Freiman Ltd. after his father's death in 1944.

Lawrence Freiman

The Rideau St. store remained in the family until it was sold to the Hudson's Bay Co. in 1971, when he retired.

Freiman was the first chairman of the National Art Centre from 1966 to 1969. He helped found the Ottawa Philharmonic Orchestra and served as its president for seven years.

The former United Way chairman (1963) was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1967 and awarded the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award in 1981 by the Jewish Community Council.

Freiman, for whom an Ottawa mall was named in 1983, was a former president of the Canadian Welfare Council and a member of the board of governors of the Stratford Festival.

McClelland & Stewart published Freiman's memoirs in 1978. The book was entitled Don't Fall off the Rocking Horse.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka gave the eulogy at last week's funeral held at the Jewish Community Memorial Chapel. A shiva was held at Freiman's Ottawa home.

Freiman is survived by his wife Audrey, daughter Margo Roston, son Archibald Jacob (A.J.) and five grandchildren.

Deschenes report goes to government

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"the reckless charge of it harboring war criminals."

Gregorovich said "the most upsetting thing for the Ukrainian-Canadian public" would be the establishment of a specialized unit like the American OSI. "It has the same reputation as the Gestapo and KGB (the Nazi and Soviet secret police, respectively)," he said. "It is a vigilante, McCarthyite outfit that's peculiarly American."

(Gregorovich recently told The CJN the UCC favors prosecution in Canada of war criminals using normal law enforcement procedures, CJN Dec. 25.)

He said there have been allegations, but no proof, there are Ukrainian war criminals, so the position of the UCC is that "none appear to exist."

Gregorovich added media reports have tended to heighten tensions between the Ukrainian and Jewish communities, a position with which Cotler agreed.

Responding to some of Gregorovich's comments, Cotler said war criminals should be brought to justice without regard to nationality. Congress, he added, "rejects any form of a collective indictment on ethnic or nationality lines."

Of the callers who favored action against Nazi war criminals, two said they fought against Germany in World War II or had family that did. Citing fellow soldiers who died in the war, one veteran said "I am almost ashamed to call myself a Canadian when you look at the government response."

The second caller called for an OSI-type of unit and he expressed concern that his MP opposed creation of that sort of special unit. That was tantamount to supporting war criminals, he said.

A third caller said Nazis should be punished and tried, since 40 years doesn't erase the crimes they committed. People affected by their crimes still suffer, the caller stated.

A fourth listener stated "from a Christian point of view, assuming they are here, we should forgive. But since this isn't a Christian country, they should be prosecuted." The caller then repeated a theme brought up by other callers: "Why only Nazis; why not prosecute other war criminals," including Soviet and Western ones?

Responding to that point, Cotler noted the terms of reference of the Deschenes Commission limited its investigation to Nazi war criminals. He said all war criminals should be brought to justice, adding it was falacious to argue that since not all can be brought to justice then none should be brought to justice. That would create immunity for all war criminals, he said.

Of the callers who opposed the work of the Commission, one called it "a waste of taxpayers' money. The war criminals are in Moscow now," he said, adding Moscow is using the Jewish community as "useful idiots."

One female caller from Windsor said Nazis should not be brought to justice. Pointing to maltreatment of Canadian prisoners of war in Japanese hands she asked why only Nazis were singled out.

"It does seem an awfully long time to still be chasing people," she said. "Nuremberg got the biggest ones. No matter how you handle it, it looks like a witchhunt."

Cotler said the long delay should not prevent criminals being brought to justice for crimes they committed, following which the caller said the Jewish people are "hurting yourselves. It makes it look like you're vindictive; it makes people feel cold towards you."

Cotler said the issue was not an ethnic need for vengeance, but a Canadian need for justice. Any group in Canada has the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances, he said. Preventing that chills free speech and is dangerous to democracy, he added.

One caller, saying war criminals should be prosecuted in the normal justice system, said the Deschenes inquiry did "a lot of harm. I feel I was implicated as a war criminal because I was born in Eastern Europe."

Over convert ID issue

Peretz leaves the cabinet

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on grounds that Jewish law forbids stigmatizing converts.

Peretz proposed other variations, including a law that would make it mandatory to include the "previous status" of the holder on identity cards. That too was rejected.

Peretz, an Orthodox rabbi, decided to resign apparently after consultation with the Torah sages of his party. Shash is regarded as the Sephardic equivalent of the Ashkenazic Agudat Israel party which is also governed by a council of sages.

His letter of resignation was widely broadcast by the time it was read to the Knesset. Peretz read it in reply to Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Movement (CRM) who asked him when he would abide by the Supreme Court Ruling to register Miller as a Jew.

In the letter he refused to refer to the complainant by her Hebrew name, Shoshana, only as Susan. He said his conscience did not allow him to register her as a Jew, as ordered by the Supreme Court, because "Reform conversions are a travesty of Jewish law. They can only lead to intermarriage." He made it clear he was referring to intermarriage between Jews converted by Reform or Conservative rabbis and those converted by Orthodox rabbis.

"In my entire period as minister of the interior, I never once registered a Reform convert as a Jew. Reform conversion is false. It is not conversion at all and poses a threat to the survival of the Jewish people, a threat of intermarriage and assimilation," Peretz's letter said.

He expressed regret that the High Court, in its ruling, was not aware of that danger. He also regretted that Likud had failed to live up to its promises on this issue, an apparent reference to the failure of the religious parties to push through the Knesset the controversial "Who is a Jew" amendment to the Law of Return. The amendment would recognize as Jews only those converts converted by Orthodox rabbis.

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Organizations and People

Neither happy with Quebec's Bill 59

CJC, BB seek Sunday store access for religious

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Both Canadian Jewish Congress and the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights say they will renew their efforts in Quebec for equality for observant Jewish shopkeepers in light of the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision upholding the Ontario law restricting Sunday shopping.

By refusing to strike down Ontario's Retail Business Holidays Act, the two organizations believe the highest court's message is that the Sunday shopping is an issue that must be decided by government not the courts.

Neither CJC nor B'nai B'rith is happy with Quebec's business hours law, Bill 59, and its limited exemption for Jewish shopkeepers who close Saturday and wish to open Sunday.

Passed more than two years ago, Bill 59 contains a clause permitting Jews who close their stores from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday to open on Sunday.

To obtain a permit from the commerce ministry they must, however, have no more than three employees working at any time during the week and sign an affadavit that they are keeping those hours for religious reasons. The affadavits have to be submitted through CJC.

Jeff Kushner, CJC's Quebec Region director, said about a dozen such affadavits have been processed by CJC since the law was adopted in the summer of 1984. To date, he said, CJC has not received any complaints from merchants that they did not receive permits from the ministry.

Nevertheless, CJC and B'nai B'rith believe no conditions should be placed on shopkeepers who want to close on another day of the week other than the Christian sabbath in conformity with their own religious tradition. They view this as simply a matter of religious freedom, as guaranteed by the Quebec and federal rights charters.

They point out that Bill 59 allows many types of businesses with three or fewer employees to open seven days a week, so the government is making little concession to shomer Shabbat Jews.

Under the present regulations, two classes of citizens are created, both organizations contend. Before Bill 59, Jews were able to open Sundays if they closed Saturdays by "ministerial tolerance." This meant any charges laid against shopkeepers for violating the Sunday laws were quashed once CJC vouched for the authenticity of the owners' religious practice.

Kushner said CJC will not become embroiled in the push by some merchants to do business seven days a week. He said CJC has been approached by at least one such Jewish merchant to support him in his defiance of the Sunday closing law.

"For now the law is the law. What we can do is ask the government to redraft it; we cannot support those who break the law."

As a broader issue, CJC does look sympathetically upon the plight of observant Jews, especially working couples and single parents, Kushner said, who cannot shop Friday night or Saturday because of religious law, or Sunday because of civil law. "The observant Jewish consumer is, in effect, penalized by the law," he said.

Arthur Hiess, the League for Human Rights regional director, believes that government will eventually have to permit seven day a week business to "reflect the multicultural nature of Canadian society" and to satisfy public demand, which opinion polls indicate, is for Sunday shopping.

Ron Kaminski, president of Cohoes, a chain of discount clothing stores which has been openly defying the Sunday closing law for seven years, says Bill 59 "preserves an archaic and illogical situation for retail stores" and an infringement of his freedom of conscience. Six Cohoes stores have accumulated hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines.

Federations urge tolerance in Israel vote

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The question of who is a Jew that periodically stirs emotions in Israel reached the floor of the recent meeting of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Chicago.

In what was described as a "controversial discussion," the GA delegates from across North America departed from their 4-year old position of taking "no formal position on religious issues in Israel."

The delegates passed, "by a clear majority," an amendment adopting the 1982 resolution advocating neutrality on religious issues in Israel while adding "...to the extent that religious issues adversely impact on the Jewish communities of North America, and to the extent that they are of a discriminatory nature, CJF opposes them."

A second amendment directed the CJF "to monitor and report actions on this issue to its member federations."

Steve Ain, executive director of Toronto Jewish Congress, which was represented at the GA, said the federation movement does not want to see the words "according to halacha" added to the definition of who is a Jewish convert.

The resolution, he said, indicates the CJF favors "tolerance" in Israel.

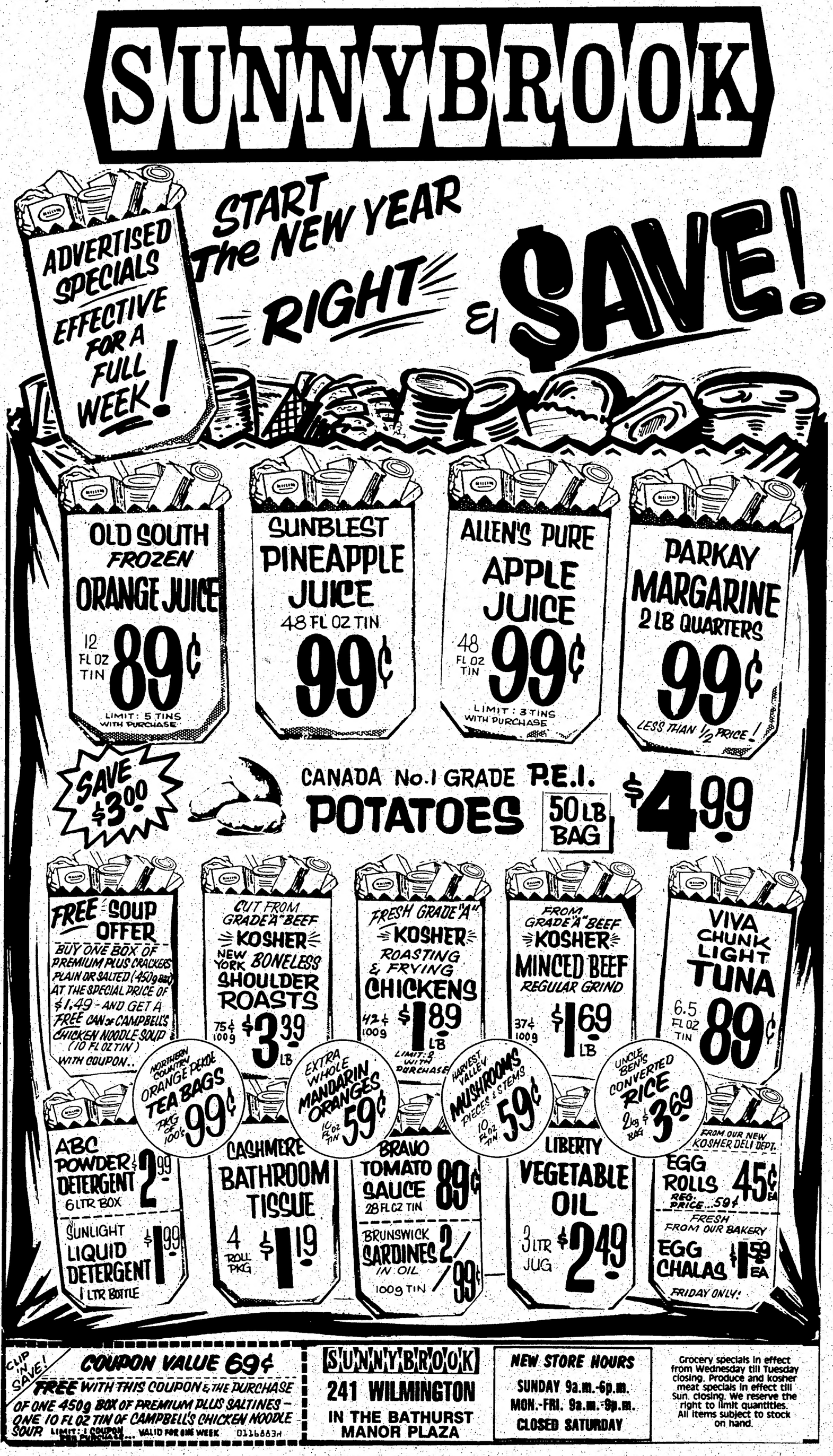
According to Donald Feldstein, associate executive vice-president of CJF, the amendment was presented on the floor of the GA meeting with the intent of "strengthening the (previous) resolution.

"Some people would say it's a departure," he told The CJN. The resolution communicates our opinions to the Israeli leadership on "issues that might be divisive to (North) American Jewry."

Will study issue

The debate prior to passage of the amendment was "not angry," he said, adding a special commission consisting of representatives from all streams of Judaism, will study the issue.

The 55th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations consisted of 3,000 representatives from 200 constituent North American federations which met to discuss issues facing North American Jewry. The theme for this year's assembly was Klal Yisrael — Federation's Role in Building Community.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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Sunday, Jan. 11

REFORM/ORTHODOX DIALOGUE

Jewish Religious Pluralism, a Reform/Orthodox Dialogue with **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, director of the Board of Jewish Education, and **Rabbi Michael S. Stroh**, senior rabbi at Temple Har Zion, is set for 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 in the temple, 7360 Bayview Ave (north of Steeles).

Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

SHAAREH HAIM SYNAGOGUE

On Sunday, Jan. 11 at 10 a.m., Shaareh Haim Synagogue of Richmond Hill continues its Sunday morning lecture series. **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** will be giving the third talk in a 4-part series on Conservative Judaism.

The lecture, entitled Halachic Decision Making in Conservative Judaism, takes place at Roselawn Public School on Carrville Rd. (west of Yonge St.) It will be preceded by a service and will conclude at 11.45.

For more information call Rabbi Troster at 737-3080.

Monday, Jan. 12

MOTHERS AGAINST GOING CRAZY

Monday Magic, or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy, meets regularly 9.30-11.30 a.m., Mondays, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

This is your opportunity to enjoy stimulating speakers and meet other mothers of young children. Excellent babysitting is provided.

On Jan. 12, Educare Workshops, led by **Debbi Shimmerman**, will consider guidelines and methods for reading readiness, language development and much more.

To inquire further call **Marilyn Lechtman**, 782-4258 or **Judith Berg**, 782-8007.

TEHILLA MEETING

Tehilla, the organization for religious aliya, will have its next meeting at the home of **Michael** and **Pearl Moses**, 22 Troyer Ct., Thornhill, 8:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 12, when **Udi Shental**, Israeli trade commissioner to Canada, will explain Israel's Economy Today.

For more information call **Sharon**, 781-2987.

SILK FLOWER ARRANGING

Enjoy an evening of silk flower arranging with Na'amat Pioneer Women's new Richmond Hill-Oak Ridges Chapter, 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 12.

For additional details call 636-5425 or 764-0565, evenings.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

TZAVTA KIBBUTZ CENTRE

Should Elie Weisel Be Speaking to the World from the Diaspora? **Channa Sargon**, a teacher at United Synagogue Day School who is noted for bringing a fresh perspective to any topic, will challenge you with this question when she speaks at the Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 1111 Finch Ave. W. Suite 158, on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7.30 p.m.

This lecture is geared to the intermediate level Hebrew speaker.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

BENJAMIN INSTITUTE

The Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral, sponsors a discussion by **Rabbi Erwin Schild** of Adath Israel Congregation, on Shiva: Spiritual Solace or Social Obligation? 8-10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The program will be held at Toronto Zionist Council, 788 Marlee Ave. (south of Lawrence) in the Haifa Room. The lecture will be followed by discussion and refreshments.

BETH EMETH ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's Adult Education Video and Lecture Series, Pillar of Fire (the rebirth of Israel), continues every Wednesday, 8 - 9.30 p.m. in the Arback Hall at the synagogue, 100 Elder St.

On Jan.14, **Rabbi Irwin Witty** will speak on Destination Jerusalem.

The public is invited. For more information call 633-3838.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles is committed to encourage and inspire the creation, documentation and preservation of authentic Jewish fabric artifacts for use in connection with Jewish ceremonies and life cycle events.

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. in Holy Blossom Temple (unless otherwise specified).

On Jan. 14, members and visitors will have a workshop on the intricate art of Yemenite embroidery. Materials will be provided for a small fee.

New members are invited to join and participate. Membership is $25 annually. Non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of $2.

For information call **Faigy Grossman**, 656-5680 ot **Sybil Geller**, 483-9904.

And What Else Is New . . .

CANTORIAL GEMS AT HBT

Holy Blossom Temple presents **Cantor Edward Fogel** and **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** in an evening of Cantorial Gems — liturgical and art songs, Friday, Jan. 15 at 8.30 p.m., 1950 Bathurst St.

This is the second in Holy Blossom's series of special Oneg Shabbat programs, The Art of the Cantor.

Edward Fogel is cantor of Sha'are Emeth Congregation in St. Louis. He is the first cantor in the synagogue's 111-year history.

Benjamin Maissner is cantor of Holy Blossom Temple.

SHAAREI-BETH EL IN OAKVILLE

At its next Sunday morning adult program, Shaarei-Beth El Congregation will hear **Ivan Bloom** examine The Role of the Crown Prosecutor in a Free Society. This is slated for 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 at Ascension School, 5205 New St., Burlington. Coffee and pastry will be served.

Contact **Morty** or **Ilana Pekar**, 639-7353, to inquire about First Maccabee Boy Scout Group for beaver cub and scout activities in the Halton Region.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Downsview Services to Seniors needs volunteers to assist in a variety of programs, but particularly with Meals on Wheels.

Meals are delivered from York-Finch, Northwestern and Branson Hospitals.

If you can assist either as a driver or helper between 11.15 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on a weekly basis, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation offers Conversational Hebrew for beginners (phase 2) with instructor **Yael Lev**. This course begins 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 470 Glencairn Ave. Cost is $25 for eight sessions.

An intermediate course in Conversational Hebrew begins Thursday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. and continues for eight sessions. Cost is $25.

Call the synagogue office, 789-3213, for more details.

MUSEUM OF TORONTO

All Torontonians are invited to take part in the creation of a Museum of Toronto. The Toronto Historical Board is asking interested citizens to submit briefs, make comments or attend a heritage conference to be held at City Hall on Feb. 14 and 15.

Individuals and community, cultural and heritage groups should submit their ideas on all aspects of the museum, including themes and content, programs and activities, collections and location. Send these to the Toronto Historical Board, Stanley Barracks, Exhibition Place, Toronto, M6K 3C3.

For more information phone **Lesia Lebed** or **Lee Jolliffe**, 392-6827.

JEWISH DIABETES GROUP

Convenience food, fast food, kosher products - how does a person with diabetes cope with these? This will be the topic when **Susan Gatchell**, nutrition program assistant with the Canadian Diabetes Association, speaks in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. (just east of Bathurst), 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19. Also, three suppliers of blood glucose monitoring equipment will give demonstrations.

For more information contact **Jeff Rosen**, 665-2747.

HELP WITH HOMEWORK

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 13, Homework Hotline, offering Metro Toronto middle and senior high school students immediate help with homework assignments in mathematics, English and science at the grade 8-11 levels, will be aired through the Rogers Cable Network Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4.30-5.30 p.m.

The program will also encompass education news, community/school events and on-air academic contests.

Direct any questions to **Bill Clark** or **Cheryl Gordon**, Homework Hotline, 447-8000.

DUBLIN JEWISH SCOUT REUNION

The 16th Dublin Jewish Scout Group celebrates its Diamond Jubilee with a synagogue dinner in the Irish capital on March 22.

A program containing good wishes from former scouts and cubs around the world is being prepared in conjunction with the event. Anyone who would like to contribute photographs, anecdotes, etc. relating to the happy times spent in scouting, or to offer some financial assistance is asked to contact **Niall Gordon**, local liaison, at 789-2253.

PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

Performing Arts York Region, plans a concert at 8 p.m., Jan. 16 in Thornhill United Church, Dudley Ave.

Kammermusik, a quartet featuring **Laurie Fraser**, pianist, **Laurel Trainor**, flutist, **Norman Franke**, cellist and **Laetitia Snethen**, mezzo soprano, will perform the works of **Mozart**, **Ravel** and **Telemann**.

Tickets, available at the door, are $8 for adults, $6, seniors and students. Children at the door, accompanied by an adult, $4.

For more ticket information call 889-5666.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE SCHOOL

Leah Posluns Theatre School, 4588 Bathurst St., offers new courses beginning this month. For children there is Creative Drama; for teens and adults, Acting, Scriptwriting, Improvisation, Scene Study, Voice, Backstage Workshops, and Daytime Acting for Adults.

Courses are beginners-advanced levels, and all are taught by theatre professionals.

Phone 636-1880 ext. 230 or 271 for additional information.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Here is a list of January events for Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton.

Friday, Jan. 9 at 2.30 p.m., the McCarthy Hearing Aid Service will conduct a hearing aid clinic.

Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 2 p.m., **Gloria Silverman** will speak on Jewish Culture.

Aaron Shiffman discusses The History of the Yiddish Language, 7.30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15.

Thursday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m., **Morris Silbert** will screen a slide show of his various trips and also of local scenery.

At 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 25, a special anniversary simcha honoring the birthdays of residents, features the **3's Company Dance Band**, which will provide the music for an afternoon tea dance.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m., **Richard Gail**, CKDS radio announcer, will speak on Classical Composers.

Ongoing programs include Yiddish Readings with **Rena Freeman**; Exercises with **Bernie Burg**; Mosaic Tile with **Carol Smith** and **Anna Lalli**; Current Events with **Mark Nagler**; In-Chair Exercises with **Linda Colley**; Ceramics with **Lois** from Wentworth Ceramics; Bingo with **Nouley Howard; Kumzitz with Helen Yellin**; Singalong with **Rachel Goldstein**; and Crafts with **Lil Wolfson** and **Zelda Rastaker**.

The Garden Lounge is open Sundays from 11.30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Bring a friend or family and enjoy a lovely lunch in a beautiful setting.

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

Don Valley Rotary Club of Toronto will highlight its annual Valentine Dinner Dance with a tribute from friends and family to the memory of **King Clancy**, in honor of his lifelong concern and help for the disabled and countless others in society.

Proceeds from this event, to take place in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel, Feb. 13, will support Sports for the Disabled, The Cheshire Homes Foundation and Rotary Cheshire Home for the Deaf/Blind.

Tables may be purchased by calling 255-7331 or 977-8723.

DAY CARE GUIDE

United Day Care, a non-profit organization working for universal day care, has published a Directory of Day Care/Nursery Schools in Toronto, York, Peel and Durham Regions. Over

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EDUCATORS DIVISION

Harold Malitzky, who headed the educators division in the 1987 UJA campaign, shows his appreciation for a $1,150 check presented to him by the Association of General Studies teachers in Hebrew day schools. From the left are Bambi Kollins, Sandi Pearl and Jackie Weintraub.

JOYOUS HOLIDAY

Patients in the pediatrics department at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem, celebrate Chanukah with a menorah, toys and general festivities. The hospital staff and volunteers made every effort to keep the holiday as joyous as possible for the hospitalized children.

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For further information please contact **Rabbi David Cooper**, 636-6665 Lodzer Centre or 731-8458.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Are you a Holocaust survivor? Are you interested in meeting others whose restitution payments are delayed?

Please contact **Andreas Preizler**, 533-8837.

YAHRZEIT REMINDER SERVICE

A new service is available to the Jewish community which will research Hebrew dates and corresponding general calendar death dates of departed family members and will automatically mail out a reminder to the family of the annual Yahrzeit. The service is sponsored by Am Echad Congregation of Thornhill in co-operation with Lodzer Holocaust Centre in Downsview.

An optional family tree can be completed and included in the mailing to family, extended family and friends as well.

For more details call **Rabbi David Cooper**, 636-6665 or 731-8458.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to use your clerical skills or brush up on past experience?

Many organizations in the North York area need volunteers to help with a variety of tasks in an office setting. Duties might include reception work, filing, typing, telephone work and in some cases word processing and data entry.

If you are interested in volunteering in the clerical field please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

NCSY HAPPENINGS

The Jewish Floor Hockey League for high schoolers continues through March. To inquire further call **Alan Teller**, 731-5656.

Shaarei Tefillah Senior Chapter of NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) looks forward to a Lazer Beatles and Pizza Night, Saturday, Jan. 10. For more information call **Steve Fruitman**, 731-6660 or **Sharona**, 221-8496.

Register 5-6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13 at B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave., for the Free Torah High School. Classes resume Jan. 20. The program is on Tuesday evenings, 5-7 p.m. at B'nai Torah.

Beth Avraham Yoseph Toronto NCSY Chapter is having an inter-chapter senior Shabbaton at the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue, Jan. 23 through 25. Contact **Shlomo Romberg**, 731-9669 or **John Jacobs**, 731-9152.

Torah Island Family Concert, starring **Uncle Moishy** and a host of unforgettable characters, is all set for Sunday, Feb. 1. Included in the cast are **Prof. Green, Yankee Strudel, Chaim From 613 Torah Ave., Gedalia Goonber** and **Mitzvah Mordecai**. Special guest is **Seymour Rockoff** of Rechnitzer's Rejects.

Shows are at 4 and 7.15 p.m.

This event celebrates B'nai Torah's 25th anniversary and proceeds will go to NCSY.

Tickets are available at Israel's The Judaica Centre and The Negev Book and Gift Store.

FREE MARKETING SEMINAR

A free marketing seminar with **Paul Homer**, marketing consultant with the ministry of industry, trade and technology, is scheduled for 7-10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the City of North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., Committee Room 3.

For more specific information phone 224-6475.

JF&CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service, 4600 Bathurst St., is offering the following workshops.

How to Live With Your Kids and Enjoy It, six sessions, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7.30-9 p.m.

Parenting Adolescents, six sessions, starting Monday, Jan. 19, 7.30-9 p.m.

Surviving Separation (through separation, divorce or widowhood), six sessions, commencing Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7.30-9 p.m.

Life Skills for Young Adults, 8 sessions, $10, please call for date, 7.30-9 p.m.

All sessions are held at the Jewish Family and Child Service, 4600 Bathurst St. in the Lipa Green Building. Cost of each series is $35 per person or $50 per couple, unless otherwise stated. Scholarships are available. Call 638-7800, ext. 292.

KOFFLER GALLERY

A special lecture on Folk Art from the current exhibition at the Koffler Gallery, American Folk Art: Expressions of A New Spirit, will be given by **Elizabeth Warren**, curator of Folk Art at The Museum of American Folk Art in New York, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 in the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Call 636-2145 for more information.

The Koffler Gallery is offering a Brown Bag Lunch Series to coincide with the current Folk Art exhibition. Activities will be held 12.30 p.m. Thursdays at the gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., and are free to the public.

On Jan. 8, a lecture/demonstration on quilting will be presented by **Isabel Davey**, sponsored by the volunteer committee of Gibson House.

On Jan. 15, the Zephyr Wind Quintet with **Jeanette Hirasawa** on flute, performs, co-sponsored by the Music Faculty of the Jewish Community Centre.

On Jan. 22, there will be a demonstration of woodcarving by **Steven Robinson**.

On Jan. 29, enjoy Jazz with **Adam Ginsberg** and friends.

Phone 636-2145 for further information.

U OF T STUDENT ART

Faculty of Education, University of Toronto annual student art exhibition is on view in Room 24, 371 Bloor St. W., Jan. 12 - 23. Opening day hours are from 5.30 p.m. For information re hours call 978-7275.

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM LECTURES

Nine lectures on Basic Judaism, presented by rabbis of the Conservative movement, start Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7.30 p.m. in Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Following the lecture, beginner's Hebrew, reading and prayer are taught from 9-10 p.m. Level 2 is taught from 8-9 p.m.

To inquire further call **Rabbi Howard Markose**, 635-5340.

HUMANE SOCIETY SALE

The Auxiliary of the North York Branch of the Ontario Humane Society is having its annual Half-Price Men's Winter Clothing Sale at the Thrift Shop, 300 Wilson Ave. (just west of Bathurst), Jan. 10, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Total proceeds will be used to care for animals at the Animal Shelter in North York.

JSU/HILLEL U OF T

January is a busy month for Jewish Students' Union/Hillel, University of Toronto. Here is a list of activities until Jan. 16.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, is postcard writing to Soviet Refuseniks in the UC Refectory at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 8, residence students have a movie night at JSU House, 604 Spadina Ave., featuring three **Woody Allen** films, beginning at 8 p.m. This is free with complimentary drinks and munchies.

On Saturday, Jan. 10, JSU's annual House Party begins at 8.30 p.m. at the JSU House, with music, dancing, comedy videos, card and board games and munchies. Admission is free!

On Monday, Jan. 12, Jewish Student Learning Centre courses begin. Mondays at noon, Intermediate Hebrew is taught at the JSU House.

On Tuesday, Jan. 13, the JSU table will be in Sidney Smith Lobby 10 a.m.-2 p.m. At 4 p.m. there is advanced Hebrew and at 5 p.m. beginner's Hebrew at the JSU House. At 7.30 p.m. the UJA Orientation Party will be held at **Natalie Sobel's** house. Call the JSU office for further information.

Thursday, Jan. 15 is pickup day for the Daily Bread Food Project. Please donate non-perishable foodstuffs to the JSU depot by today to help Toronto's needy. At 4 p.m. Let's Study Torah begins at the JSU House, and Tehila Choir starts again at 8.30 p.m. at Beth Tikvah (small charge involved).

On Friday, Jan. 16, Shabbat Dinner at JSU House begins at 6 p.m. This is free for residence students with a JSU card, $5 for others with a card, $6, without. Reserve by Wednesday, Jan. 14,

ART IN THE LIBRARIES

North York Public Libraries are featuring a variety of art exhibitions through January.

At Don Mills Library, paintings by **Anne Bellamy**, vivid interpretations of urban life, are on display.

Brookbanks Library is showcasing works by Czech-born **Milan Sobotka**, who enjoys drawing steam locomotives.

Sue Ecclestone's watercolors may be seen at Bathurst Heights Library.

String teacher and violist **Gina Wulkan** is showing her oil paintings and photographs at Yorkdale Library.

Alan Miller, who received a "first" award for black and white photography at the Toronto City Hall Outdoor Art Show, is exhibiting at Fairview Library.

Portraits by former Montrealer **Judith Epstein** may be seen at Hillcrest Library.

Leonard Smith's prints, reflecting his love for Flemish, Italian and Renaissance works, are at Pleasant View Library.

For hours and other information, call 495-3438.

ORTHODOX RABBINIC SEMINAR

Leading rabbis from Ontario and neighboring U.S. cities will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 13 and 14 at a Centennial Canadian Regional Rabbinic Seminar, to discuss a host of contemporary issues confronting the Orthodox rabbinate.

The seminar, sponsored by Yeshiva University in co-operation with the Rabbinic Council of America, will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Among the highlights is a Tuesday evening session at 8 p.m., open to the community at large looking at Civic Responsibility in Israel and the Diaspora. The lecture will be given by talmudic scholar **Rabbi Herschel Schacter of Yeshiva University. Chairman is Rabbi Henry Hoschander.**

SHAAREI HAIM ADULT EDUCATION

On Jan. 12, Shaareh Haim Synagogue will begin adult education classes at the W.L. McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge St. (north of Major Mackenzie Dr.). Registration is at 7.30 p.m.

The first class, beginning at 8 p.m. is entitled The Rules of the Game: Basic Synagogue and Home Ritual Skills. The second course, Back to the Sources, 9-10 p.m., is an introduction to the major sources of Jewish tradition.

Both courses are taught by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster.**

Cost for one course is $10, for both, $15.

Contact Rabbi Troster, 737-3080 if you would like more information.

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PARTING GIFT

Ruth Resnick (right), recently retired as administrator of chaplaincy services, Toronto Jewish Congress-Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region), accepts a gift from chaplaincy director Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg (left), volunteer Bea Muroff and chairman, Dr. Rolf Lederer.

CHANUKAH GIFTS

Presenting Chanukah gifts to Gordon Wolfe, executive director of Jewish Family & Child Service, is Jeffrey Cappe, grade 1 student at Beth Tzedec Congregational School. Jeffrey represents more than 200 students at the school who donated presents to needy Jewish children in our community. Looking on from the left are Cheryl Cappe, program chairman of the Congregational School PTA and Karen Hen, PTA chairman.

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Organizations and People

for seniors

North York Senior Walkers invite you to hear stress consultant **Lucy Mekler** speak on Coping With Stress, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan 13, at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. All seniors are welcome.

Association of Jewish Seniors in cooperation with Continuing Education, North York Board of Education, offers a 10-week course of weekly discussions on Understanding International Terrorism, Wednesdays, 9.45 -11.45 a.m., from Jan. 14 to March 18, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. (just east of Bathurst). Instructor is **Kostas Rimsa**. There is no charge for seniors 65 and over. Fee for adults 55-65 is $20.

And, the Association of Jewish Seniors is scheduling another 10-week course at Shaarei Shomayim, Social Issues of the 1980s, which will probe such subjects as how we should deal with offenders in our society; immigration and refugee policies; racial and ethnic issues, abortion; drug abuse and other moral dilemmas. The course is on Wednesdays, 9.45-11.45 a.m., Jan. 14 to March 18, and instructor is **Morry McLeod**. There is no charge for seniors, fee for adults 55-65 is $20.

Pre-registration is required for the two courses. To register, or for further information, contact **Jennie Gilbert** at the Association of Jewish Seniors, 530 Wilson Ave., 3rd floor, North York, M3H 1T6, phone 635-2860.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 invites you to hear **Ed Williams,** the whistler, whose impersonations are definitely unusual, 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffee and cake will be served. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 and Over and On Their Own, will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 in the Music Room, when **Leona Hall** from York University will speak on Taking Charge of Your Life. This is for members only and the cost is $1, which includes coffee. For additional information call **Joy Friedman**, 225-2112.

A new winter program, Life and Literature, introduces Yiddish and English readings, theatre improvisations and Yiddish poetry discussions, conducted by **Nathan Garnick** and **Sylvia Lennick**, 1-3 p.m. in the Music Room, on alternate Fridays, Jan. 9 through April 10. This is for members only and there is no charge. To inquire further contact the program director at 225-2112.

From the Shtetl to America, Songs of the Golden Land, with **Naomi Bell**, provides a musical afternoon 1.30-2.45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 in the synagogue. Cost to members is $1, non-members, $2.

On Sunday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m., the movie White Nights will be shown.

Singers-musicians **Harvey Segal** and **Paul Matheas** entertain at the next Wednesday afternoon social, 1.30 p.m., Jan. 14. Cost is $1.25 to members, $1.75, non-members.

Register as soon as possible for the members only Candlelight Dinner and Concert, to take place Wednesday, Jan. 28. Dinner is at 5.45 p.m., entertainment by the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir is at 7.30 p.m. Price for dinner and concert is $5, concert only, $1.

A video, Bach, the Cantor of Leipzig, will be screened in the synagogue at 1.30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 12. There is no charge for members, non-members, $1.

A special health lecture series this month on Seeking Relief from Arthritic Pain continues 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 in the synagogue, with Arthritis and Rheumatism — Medications and Myths. Speaker is **Bob Pritchard**, community pharmacy advisor to Super X Drugs Ltd.

at the jcc

JCC Valley N/E Branch proudly presents **The Jellybeans**, an exciting new group in a concert 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11 at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Fee per family of four is $10 for members, $12, non-members. There will be an additional charge of $3 per each extra child.

The Jellybeans is a trio of musicians, trained in classical and theatrical production. They banded together, designing a program for children which featured a variety of musical styles including blues and boogie, classical and folk, plus traditional music. Their show is a lively blend of theatre and music, and of course, audience participation.

Before the concert, children will create their own percussion instruments under the supervision of JCC arts and crafts experts. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Limited space is available. For more information and tickets, contact **Rose Shapiro** or **Jodi Sherman**, 889-0813.

Tango at the JCC. An Open House will be held at the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., for the opening classes of the second semester of Ballroom Dancing (no charge). Courses to be offered include Ballroom I (social style) for persons 16-160, with no previous experience, Mondays, 7-8.30 p.m. Jan. 26, Open House; Ballroom II (social style) for persons who have from 10-20 hours of previous formal instruction, Mondays, 8.30-10 p.m., Jan. 26 Open House; Ballroom III (international style) up to bronze medal standard, Thursdays, 8:30-10 p.m., Jan. 29 Open House.

Instructor is **Frank McKie.**

For fees and further information contact the dance office, 636-1880, ext. 261.

Understanding Menopause, which will explore the various aspects of menopause through small group discussions, film and meeting with professionals in related fields, begins 7:30-9 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19 for four sessions at the JCC Northern Branch. Cost is $25 to JCC members, $28, non-members. Call **Orian Feldman** or **Maureen Feder**, at 638-7800.

Pre-Marital Wonders, a series of four workshops for couples approaching marriage starts Feb. 2, 7.30-9 p.m. Topics will include Communicating, Basics of Real Estate and Family Law, Finances, Travel/Honeymoons. Cost is $20 per couple for JCC members, $25, non-members. Registration will be accepted over the phone before Jan. 16. For more information call **Mimi Pincer**, 636-1880, ext. 260.

singles

JASS Hotline (Jewish Association Serving Singles), at the Hamilton JCC, offers a 24-hour taped message keeping you up to date on singles activities in Southern Ontario. Call Hamilton (416) 528-2993.

B'nai B'rith Singles Lodge, Atideynu, (ages 20s-30s) will hold its next general meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1. For more information, call **Steve**, 489-2692. Everyone is welcome. There is free parking behind the building.

"To be or not to be" single - that is the question. Come and discuss this with the **JCC Valley Singles Support Group** at its next meeting, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (upstairs). There will be light refreshments. Cost is $3 to members with cards, $4, non-members.

Does Canadian society require the death penalty? This is the provocative question to be considered when **Fred Zemans**, professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, addresses **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group** (ages 35 and over), at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 in Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is $3 for members, $5, visitors.

Join the new co-ed group, **Club Jericho** (ages 25-40), whose aim is to hold social, cultural and religious functions geared to our Jewish heritage. For additional information on the group, time and place of its next event, phone **Stan** at 781-6027 or **Sandra**, 787-3465. No Shabbat calls.

Jeff Perlmutar of **JP Singles**, invites you to a Super Singles Party, Sunday, Jan. 18 at Darling's Restaurant, 4950 Yonge St. in the Madison Centre (two blocks north of Sheppard.) Admission is $6. Join the group for dinner. A party admission paid from 6.30 p.m. includes a 10% discount off your food purchase. Dancing is at 8.30 p.m. For indoor parking, the entrance is on the south side of the building. To inquire further call Jeff, 638-3393.

Join Club Moriah two divisions, (ages 20-30) and (30-40), for a Sunday afternoon at the movies followed by a discussion and supper. On Jan. 18 and 25, the documentary Holocaust epic, Shoah, parts 1 and 2 will be shown.

Cross-country skiing begins this month.

For more details on Club Moriah programs phone **Jeffrey**, 783-3019 or **Ray**, 638-0605 (evenings) or leave a message on the tape.

Total Living Mature Singles is having a general meeting 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11 in Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard. A very interesting program is planned featuring a film and presentation by the Canadian Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel. You will learn about the sports and recreational facilities available at Beit Halochem, to help wounded Israeli soldiers.

All proceeds from the meeting are to be donated to this worthy cause. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

Admission is $2 for members, $3, non-members.

And here is a reminder that membership for this year closes at the end of January. It is your last chance to pay dues.

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Registration will be held at the Bloor "Y" on January 11 (1:00-2:30 p.m.) and January 18 (12:00-1:00 p.m.).

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"Don't give up hope..."

Soviet Jews ask West to rekindle fire of activism

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Many Soviet Jews say they are alive today because of the West's activism. They also fear that with the release of Natan Scharansky last February, the Soviet Jewry movement in the West has become weaker.

Or as many Refuseniks, activists and wives of Prisoners of Zion told Moshe Ronen, president of the North American Jewish Students' Network, during his recent 1-week stay in Moscow and Leningrad "the fire of activism in the West needs to be rekindled."

While there with David Makovski, an American who is president of the Jerusalem-based World Union of Jewish Students of which Ronen is vice-president, they talked in Hebrew to people whose names of these people — and a coded greeting — were provided by Scharansky, the released Rufusenik whom they met last May in New York.

Scharansky had been aware of how they helped his wife Avital in lobbying for his release and in fact had been arrested in Geneva during the November 1985 summit for staging a sit-in outside the Aeroflot office to dramatize the plight of Soviet Jews.

Ronen quoted Vladimir Slepak, who with his wife Marina, was one of the first to apply for a visa 17 years ago and one of the few to be refused, saying he was concerned that the movement is deflating.

Slepak, considered the spirit, heart and mind of the Soviet Jewry movement, said: "My biggest fear is that you will get tired and leave us behind .... We will never give up. We will never get tired. You also must not."

This encouraging and upbeat note is also evident in the message from Inna Begun, wife of Yosif, who was imprisoned for teaching Hebrew — something he continues to do in prison.

She said: "Yosif and I are eternal optimists and must never lose hope ... everything you do for us must continue ... that's what keeps Yosif alive."

Tatyana Edelstein, who helped the duo get around Moscow and acted as interpreter when needed, stressed that the West "must bother the Soviet authorities." Ronen explained that Edelstein is "depressed because the Soviet authorities won't tell her why her husband Yuri was hospitalized and is almost cynical about the West's efforts.

"She believes if we mount pressure we will see results — letters, calls, constant requests for meetings irritate the Soviets so maybe they'll want to get rid of the irritation and release them."

Ronen, a partner in the Toronto law firm of Ronen, Zimmerman, said Sasha Kominsky, a former prisoner — for teaching Hebrew and slandering the state — who has formed a club for others like himself, had a positive attitude.

Moshe Ronen

"Kominsky told me 'Don't give up hope ... I plead with you not to become frustrated ... I would never have survived prison without you'."

The Refusenik cautioned the West "not to be fooled" by Mikhail Gorbachev's new "open" policy. He told Ronen that Soviet Jewish activists are no longer being arrested on charges of teaching Hebrew or slandering the state but rather on criminal charges and alleges that the KGB is planting evidence drugs or weapons to achieve these ends.

Ronen said Kominsky told him that Alexi Margareck, now in Omsk, Siberia, is a prime example of this new era. The Refusenik claims drugs were planted on Margareck.

Margareck's wife Natasha Rattner is not only concerned about the regular beatings by guards but about his general health as well. He works out of doors but has only a pair of slacks, a shirt, socks and a worn out pair of pants to keep himself warm. He has no underwear or coat.

"In calling the conditions like a Nazi concentration camp, she has asked the Soviet Jewry movement in the West to lobby for the central prison authority in Moscow to establish a commission into the situation or transfer her husband.

"She's concerned about his life and told me 'Sometimes I believe I won't see him again'."

In Leningrad, Refusenik Anna Lifshitz, who through Ronen has hired Montreal lawyer Irwin Cotler to act on her behalf, was their guide and interpreter. They met several activists including Lev Furman, a Hebrew teacher who married a woman warned off by the KGB. Furman told Ronen that when she refused to be intimidated, she was taken to a bar and gang raped by "Cossacks."

Ronen said another Hebrew teacher, Misha Mikushin, said he was told by KGB officers on his way home from visiting his hospitalized wife that if he gave another lesson they would rape his 5-year-old daughter.

On a personal level, Ronen said it was a case of "meeting people whose pictures I had held in rallies" and that this gave him a new insight into the movement and incentive to do more.

This includes calling upon the leadership of the Canadian Jewish Congress and all other Jewish leaders to visit and meet with Refuseniks and the wives of prisoners. In addition to information gathering, such trips show the Soviet Jews that those in the West are strongly committed to easing their plight.

The Soviet Jewry situation seemed "more real and dangerous than I though it would be. I had the impression that a lot of visits were going on behind the Iron Curtain but that just isn't so.

"Anyone who hasn't been there can't claim to understand the problem," he said. "In the West, we think of Soviet Jewry as being simply not allowed to leave ... we don't think in terms of Jews being intimidated and beaten just because of what they are."

Homeowners asked to clear snow

TORONTO —

"Be Nice. Clear Your Ice" — that's the mesage the City of Toronto is hoping homeowners and retailers will follow during the next several months.

This is the second year the city is conducting its public information campaign urging City of Toronto property owners and building occupants to clear snow and ice from public sidewalks surrounding their properties within 12 hours after a snowfall.

Last year's campaign was highly successful, with research showing a very high awareness level. Increased participation means safer streets, particularly for senior citizens and physically disabled people.

"Most people in Toronto are quite conscientious about clearing snow and ice from their walks," said David Bailey, director general services in the city's public works department.

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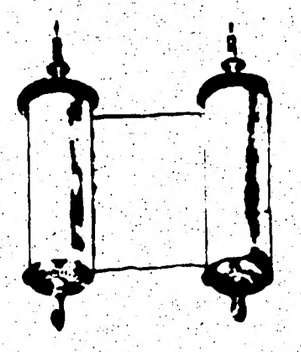

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayigash

You can only reach God through joy, through confidence.

A Jew complained before Reb Moshe of Kobrin that he was plagued with the desire for kavod, honors and acclamation. How could he learn to have a contrite heart.

"Tell me," asked Reb Moshe, "do you have yirat shomayim, true fear of Heaven?"

"Just a little," admitted the man.

"And love of Torah?"

"A small amount," responded the Jew.

"And do you set time aside for Torah study? And do you have good deeds to your name."

"Not much," he agreed.

"Then your problem is not to find a contrite heart," said Reb Moshe, "because if you look at your deeds you will quickly gain one. You should look for rejoicing of the heart, widening and confidence of the heart!"

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We have no worse enemies than our own heart, our own hates, our own insecurities, our own hangups.

We must be strong. We must never stay down!

Consider . . . this week's parsha begins with a dramatic scene. Joseph had taken his younger brother Benjamin hostage from his brothers. They did not know that the prime minister of Egypt was really their brother.

Vayigash ailav Yehudah! And Judah drew nigh to him!"

Taught our rabbis: He gave a roar that could be heard 400 miles away! He was ready for battle to defend his brother!

But wait . . . just a few minutes before Judah had been so contrite, so broken . . . "Behold we will be slaves to our master!" He had given up hope, they were trapped.

But that was Judah. But that is the Jewish people — Jew comes from the word Judah. Things are bad, things are hopeless? Just then, Judah roars, a Jew roars, a Jew fights back, springs up!

Judah was our father, our ancestor. Of Judah it says, "korah rovatz ki-aryeh . . . He crouches, he springs like a lion!"

There are times when the Jewish people are crouching, bending, broken, humble, humbled, hopeless. . . .

Rovatz! He springs, he jumps up, he comes to the fore! (May Shiloach)

Every Jew is a little Judah. There are times when we are humbled by events, by situations, by health, by finances, by depression. But nothing can keep us down except ourselves. If we say we will live, we will overcome, we will succeed, then our will can break every sickness, every depression, every bankruptcy!

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The mitzvah is to serve joyously, simply.

Once a mitnagid (anti-chassid) visited a chassidic celebration and saw the chassidim grabbing the rabbi's sherayim — remainders of his meal — with their hands. "Why not use forks, like polite people?"

Answered one chassid: First of all, forks are made by man, but hands were formed by the Almighty Himself. Second, forks are dipped in a mikveh just once, when they are bought, but hands are washed a few times a day, and a blessing recited over them. . . ."

Our hands must be clean, our hearts joyous. Shabbat Shalom.

Bonds conference

Accountants awed by trip to Israel

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

"To see a soldier with a kipa and a rifle, praying at the Western Wall . . . it's an indescribable feeling."

"I said a bracha in Jerusalem and I felt more comfortable walking around at night there than I do here."

"Israel sells itself. It's an electric place."

These are just some of the comments from two Toronto accountants, Ralph Rabinowicz and Michael Sacks, — both first-time visitors to Israel — who took part in the 4th Jerusalem Conference on Accounting, held in conjunction with State of Israel Bonds.

Rabinowicz, Sacks and seven other Toronto accountants and their wives, were in Israel from Nov. 10 to the 24th for a conference that brought together 1,000 accountants from around the world and allowed the Toronto contingent, which contained eight "first-timers," a chance to see the country.

The participants — Larry Marshall, Joseph Wood, Alan Vale, Martin Fruitman, Hank Kates, Sol Wainberg, Al Tobias, Sol Fox, Rabinowicz and Sacks, along with their wives — were addressed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres at the conference, but the highlight, Rabinowicz told The CJN, was just seeing Israel.

"I'd never been there before and when someone mentioned Israel, I had a certain reaction. Now, it's different. I have a much more positive attitude toward Israel.

"I also see Bonds in a different way. To me, they're forced savings to go to Israel."

The group, which Sacks said "became one big family," received an exclusive tour of a tank brigade base in the Golan Heights. Unit 74 put on "a facinating" demonstration of Israel's tank prowess.

They also met with Jerry Pollock, an accountant from Toronto who made aliya three years ago, and with Reuben Rosen, Canada's representative to the conference.

The conference itself, attended mainly by Israeli accountants, dealt mostly with international issues, such as the pitfalls of inflationary accounting and liability, but Rabinowicz and Sacks agreed it was difficult concentrating on business when there was so much to see.

"What I found is how safe the country is," Sacks said. "And it wasn't as expensive as I thought."

"After we went to the Shaare Zedek Hospital and the Technion, I realized how much Israel needs brainpower," Rabinowicz noted.

"And I also realize how much more aware I am of being a Jew."

Photographed in Israel (from left) Michael and Annette Sacks, Yona and Ralph Rabinowicz and their guide.

Israel university needs are urgent, says Livergant

TORONTO —

Those concerned with the future of Israel must urgently and substantially increase their support of that country's universities, says the national president of the Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

In a press release, Harold Livergant cites a recent study by the Tel Aviv-based Shiloah Institute for Middle Eastern and African Studies which shows an increase in universities in Arab countries from 23 in 1971 to 29 in 1979. In the early 1970s, there were nearly 264,000 students studying in Arab lands but by the mid 1980s the number had swelled threefold to almost 978,000.

This compares to a twofold increase — from almost 37,000 to about 67,000 — during the same period in the enrolment at Israel's seven universities, four non-university institutions of higher learning, one Open University and a small number of institutes with a few academic programs.

Livergant attributes this to "the vast amounts of money allocated to higher education through inter-Arab cooperative funds earmarked to encourage science and technology."

He says that since Israel's economic and social development depends on a steadily growing body of highly trained personnel, "We must increase our help to Israel's higher educational system, now struggling with potentially crippling financial stringencies, so it can resume orderly growth and progress and thereby make its contribution to the future of prosperity and security of the country."

In reality . . .

Community leader Patti Starr has only recently been affiliated with B'nai B'rith. A story in last week's CJN said she had been a BB volunteer for more than 20 years. Starr has served as a volunteer in various Jewish and non-Jewish organizations for that length of time. We regret the error.

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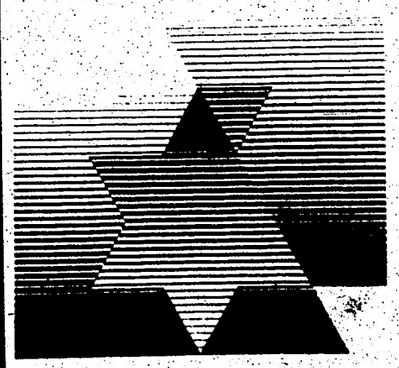

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Next session to focus on Holocaust

Outlying youth meet at Pincus Fund kallah

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

There are Jews in Deep River?

Surprisingly enough, there is a family of Jews residing in the small community near Pembroke, northwest of Ottawa, and needless to say, bringing up the kids Jewishly can present some problems.

There are no Jewish schools, no kosher butchers, no feeling of being part of a Jewish community. Luckily, there is an alternative.

Thanks to programs sponsored by the Pincus Fund and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, the two teens living in Deep River are exposed to Jewish reading material, the Hebrew language and they get to socialize several times a year with similarly situated youngsters.

The two Deep River natives were in Toronto recently for the Pincus Fund High School Outreach Program's annual December kallah — or conclave — where they met with 20 other teens from small Ontario (Jewish) communities like Sarnia, Guelph, Belleville, Oshawa, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay.

The goal of the kallah is multifaceted, according to Karen Caplan, coordinator of the Pincus outreach program. Not only are the kids exposed to a topic of interest — this time shtetl life — but they meet others with whom they can discuss being Jewish in a non-Jewish setting.

Teens from small Ontario communities playing an ice-breaker game during the 3-day kallah recently in Toronto.

Prior to arriving in Toronto for the 3-day event, all the teens were sent material such as short stories by Sholom Aleichem and I.B. Singer to help provide them with an understanding of what life in the old country was like.

They are sent, on a regular basis, Hebrew tapes to help them learn the language and other material to give them a grounding in Jewish history and current issues, such as the fate of Soviet Jews.

At the recent kallah, they heard Dr. Louis Greenspan of McMaster University discuss shtetl life, said Caplan. Also on the agenda was a viewing of the movies Fiddler on the Roof, which many had never seen before, and Lies My Father Told Me.

They participated in a workshop on Soviet Jewry presented by Shari Feldman and they played the "Soviet exodus game" where they put themselves in the shoes of Refuseniks and suffered the trials of trying to leave the Soviet Union.

The Pincus program began in 1985 in Ontario (the only Canadian region to participate) and since then the group has grown to 33 participants. The curriculum teaches Judaism courses to teenagers between 13-17 in 18 communities. The 3-year program culminates in a 6-week trip to Israel which will include touring and extensive study.

Next item on the Pincus agenda is a March kallah in Guelph that will focus on the Holocaust. In May, the group will gather at a camp, as yet unnamed, for the summer kallah.

For more information, contact Caplan at (416) 635-2883.

Non-profit organizations hit with new Quebec provincial tax

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Twenty-five Jewish organizations were among 1,500 non-profit institutions hit with tax bills at year's end under a new provincial law that forced the city to tax them as businesses.

The taxes totalled more than $125,000. They ranged from $28.61 assessed to the Canadian ORT Organization to a $98,459.52 bill sent to the YM-YWHA.

The list included the Golden Age Association ($1,289.85), the Montefiore Club ($16,885.02), the Habonim Labor Zionist Youth Organization ($854.26), Emunah Women of Canada ($742.44), and the Jewish Eagle Kanader Adler ($812.65).

Israeli-based fund raising organizations, such as the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan ($1,573.30), the Israel Cancer Research Fund ($469.39), and the Jewish National Fund of Canada ($4,703.09), were also hit with the new tax.

Bill 40, passed last June, taxes previously exempt non-profit groups as businesses. The tax is retroactive to January, 1985, which forced the municipal government to issue tax bills totalling $22 million, including $8 million for 1987.

Michael Fainstat, chairman of Montreal's executive committee, protested the tax in a letter sent to Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister Andre Bourbeau. He said the new tax could jeopardize the survival of charitable, cultural, scientific, recreational, and social groups, and called on the government to change the law.

Several well-known charitable organizations were not included on the list, including the YWCA and the Sun Youth Organization. Groups not registered with the city were also omitted.

Bourbeau indicated that Bill 40 would be amended, saying he would like to change it, but neither Quebec nor the city government has yet implemented any measures to do so.

The National Assembly will not sit again until March. Bourbeau suggested a legal loophole whereby the city could refund the taxes to organizations it feels exempt, citing a passage in the city charter, itself a provincial law, that allows the city to give money for "charitable or public interest purposes."

Fainstat, however, quoted the city lawyer as telling him that paying back the taxes in that way would constitute an illegal manoeuver circumventing provincial law. Groups that did not receive refunds, Fainstat also said, could claim they were being treated unfairly.

At press time, the Jewish organizations had not yet received the tax notices.

The Gazette summed up the controversy by stating in an editorial that "the good news is that both the Quebec government and Montreal administration seem to have realized (that these organizations should not be taxed). The bad news is that neither is doing anything about it."

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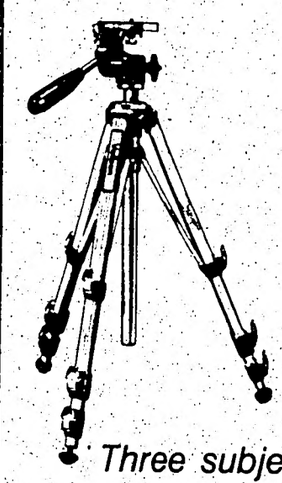

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Lutheran pupil at Winnipeg's Talmud Torah/Peretz kindergarten

Child with cerebral palsy thrives in day school

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Amber Svingen, a young cerebral palsy victim and the daughter of a Lutheran pastor, is thriving at the Talmud Torah/Peretz School kindergarten here.

Her parents, Marvin and Faye Svingen, strongly believe in having her educated in regular classroom setting as the best way for her to develop as a whole person with a sense of accomplishment.

The Winnipeg School Division wanted to place Amber in a special program in a school outside her neighborhood. Dissatisfied with the attitude of the public board, the Svingens opted for the Peretz School a few blocks from their home.

Thus far, they are impressed with the school and the way in which the 5-year-old has been received.

"The school is really trying to make it work with Amber," said Marvin Svingen. "She is in a very rich program, in a family-like setting where everyone is trying to figure out what is best for her. The school is using computers and has brought in a number of occupational therapists and special education people to help."

One of the mechanical aids being used to integrate Amber is a wheeled school chair which places her at the same level as her classmates. "A friend of ours coming in to see her couldn't find her among the other children," said her father.

Asked about any difficulties with religious teachings, Marvin said: "Christianity is based on the Jewish faith. . . . Amber will be getting a solid foundation in the Old Testament and a better understanding of the origins of our faith."

Along with her classmates, she is learning French and Hebrew. She sings songs with the class and took part in a Chanukah concert. "Amber is expected to learn whatever the class is learning," said Marvin Svingen.

"We are happy with her progress. She has been getting homework and fusses until we give her the right food groups she has been learning about in school."

She participates in all school activities including gym and field trips. "The other children have been very nurturing," said Svingen.

"Amber has already been invited to three birthday parties. She is also a good influence on her classmates and teachers. She teaches them to be caring and nurturing."

The family understands the need for following up the teachings of the school in the home. They try to follow some of the customs such as lighting Shabbat candles.

Rev. Marvin and Faye Svingen with daughter Amber.

Svingen reports family friends are supportive of Amber attending a Jewish school. "They are just glad Amber has found a good school," he said.

"We and our friends are North Enders. We all have Jewish neighbors. We knew of (principal) Larry Geller and are quite impressed. He is a very good principal with good educational theories. He has a sense of what inclusion means and of children and intelligence as capable of growth in a nurturing, stimulating environment."

"Amber needs the challenges available in a supportive atmosphere which allows for individual variation," said Faye Svingen. "In a regular classroom setting, she will advance faster socially, physically, mentally and emotionally than she would otherwise.

"That is why we are pleased to have found a school close by which allows her to start on the same basis as everybody else."

Dream of Jewish Gretzky drives youngsters' coach

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The New York Rangers haven't won the Stanley Cup since the 1939-40 season, making the Blueshirts infamous for one of pro sports' longest-running "slumps."

But Monty Charness believes he has a cure for the Rangers' playoff woes. What the Blueshirts need is a Jewish Wayne Gretsky, he says.

A Jewish Gretsky? Why not, he asks. There are more Jews living in New York than in all of Israel and the Rangers haven't had a real Jewish star (Steve Richmond, though Jewish, was no star) since Hy Buller laced 'em up in the 1950s.

And where is this Jewish Gretsky going to come from? Charness has the answer to that question too. From within the ranks of a group of Orthodox school kids he and co-coach David Nussbaum are developing right now, right here in Metro Toronto.

For two hours per week each Sunday, Charness and Nussbaum put the boys, ages 7-17, through their paces at a northern Toronto hockey rink. They're taught the fundamentals: skating, shooting and handling the puck. Then they apply their new-found skills in an intra-squad game followed by 15 minutes of shinny hockey with all 30 boys wheeling around the ice.

What make Charness so sure that from among these kids a Jewish Gretsky will emerge is his view that the stronger a player's religious beliefs, the better he'll be at his game. The reason is discipline, he says. The more inner discipline a player can develop, the stronger he'll be in achieving goals on the ice.

For most of the kids, however, hockey is admittedly "not a big priority." These Eitz Chaim students spend 12 hours a day in school, disciplining their minds and learning the fundamentals, not of hockey, but of Judaism.

But come Sunday, they slip a koho over their kipa, pull their shoulder pads over their tzizit, and then these fringe players take to the ice. They may not know it, but coach Charness considers them an "embryo, a launching pad" to greater and greater things.

Charness himself is an old-time hockey player who used to play in an Oldtimer's league and in many a good "outlaw league." His cohort, Nussbaum, is an orthodox hockey fan; that is, he's Orthodox and he loves hockey.

Charness likes to write about hockey and like the quintessential "hockey man," he used to scout for the Rhode Island Reds of the American Hockey League when he lived in Montreal years ago. Back in the late 50s and early 60s, he used to birddog for the Chicago Black Hawks and the Toronto Maple Leafs as well.

Naturally, conversations between him and his workout partner Nussbaum often turned to the sport they love. One day Nussbaum, a psychologist, popped the question: " 'How would you like to coach the kids?' "

For Charness, it was like a dream come true. As an amateur movie script writer, he'd come up with the idea of having a neighborhood populated by Jewish and Chinese kids develop a super hockey player who goes on to lead the Rangers to the Stanley Cup win.

Now his script, at least partly, is coming true. But with the record of futility the Rangers have amassed over the years, it may be safe to assume they need something more than just a Gretsky. Perhaps a Moses will do.

Maybe if some of that Chumash rubs off on the kids...

Flu shots soon for children 2-5

TORONTO — The Ontario ministry of health will soon provide haemophilus influenzae type-b vaccine (PRP) for the protection of children 2 to 5 years of age, Health Minister Murray Elston recently announced.

"Inclusion of the haemophilus vaccine as part of the childhood immunization program is an important addition to the ministry's preventive health programs," said Elston. "We expect the necessary quantity of vaccine to be delivered to the Ontario government pharmacy early in 1987."

In children under 5 haemophilus influenzae type-b disease is a significant cause of bacterial meningitis, epiglottitis, arthritis and pneumonia.

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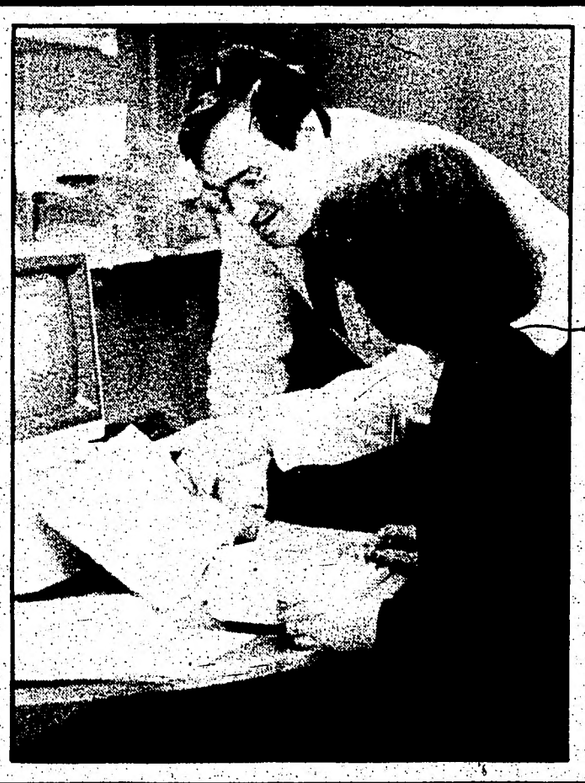

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Most speakers oppose death penalty

CJC (Ont. Region) meeting debates noose issue

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Debate on a resolution on capital punishment dominated a recent meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, with most speakers arguing against imposition of the penalty.

Representatives attending the monthly meeting presented arguments on the morality and effectiveness of the death penalty, while an Orthodox and a Reform rabbi agreed that under Jewish law capital punishment is permitted though rarely practiced.

Several speakers questioned the need for the debate at the Ontario regional executive level in light of a resolution against imposition of the death penalty passed by the national CJC at its plenary assembly last May.

Congress at that time voted that the "Jewish value system" opposed restoration of the death penalty in Canada.

Regional chairman Charles Zaionz acknowledged the national body had debated the issue, but said discussion in Ontario was necessary to deal with "implementation" of the resolution.

Lou Kirshenbaum questioned the point of passing resolutions at the plenary if further resolutions were necessary to implement them. The meeting was also reminded that the plenary resolved to act on the resolutions, and with the issue still somewhat in the air, the executive continued its debate.

Baruch Taub, rabbi at the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue began the discussion with an overview of the halachic position, noting that Torah prescribes capital punishment in some cases. The reason behind that is to present a deterrent, not to punish, he stated.

The internal Jewish debate over capital punishment goes back to the days of Rabbi Akivah, he noted. Over the course of centuries the majority of rabbis have opposed capital punishment, Taub said, because historically the penalty was not meted out fairly without regard to social position.

Taub summed up by saying halacha permits capital punishment but it does not require it in all cases.

Rabbi Dow Marmur of the Holy Blossom Temple concurred with Taub's presentation of the issue, adding studies show there is no proven deterrent effect when the maximum penalty is used.

He said there was a danger to the state in becoming a brutalizing force by applying the death penalty unfairly and he urged Congress take a position in opposition to capital punishment. (The issue is expected to come up for debate in the House of Commons with a free vote for all members).

Patti Starr voiced her opposition to the national CJC passing a resolution on which, she said, many in the community have differing opinions.

Judge Sam Filer pointed to previous Congress positions on a variety of legal and social policy issues and noted there was ample precedent to speak out on matters which are not of unique concern to Jews but which could be aided by a "Jewish perspective."

Mitchell Wolfe argued that Congress should not forget its traditional sympathy for disadvantaged groups, and noted that most people on death row in the United States come from those groups.

Gerda Frieberg said those who felt they hadn't the opportunity to voice their opinions at the May plenary can still do so by talking to their Member of Parliament. She asked those advocating the death penalty to put themselves in the shoes of the hangman and see if they could do it. "I don't want to pay the hangman's salary from my taxes," she said.

In other business, Les Scheininger, CJC honorary legal counsel, reviewed Congress' position vis a vis the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision on Sunday closing, noting Congress had kept a low profile in the case.

Several years ago, CJC had lobbied Queen's Park so the Retail Holiday Business Act would accommodate Jewish businesses which remained closed on Saturday, he said. The legislation had made an exception in those cases, allowing them to open Sunday within limits.

He said the SCC decision was "of some concern to us" since five justices found the law allowed for a breach of religious freedom which was justified under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

He pointed to a "difficulty" with respect to a lack of objective tests in evaluating the competing priorities — the right to a pause day versus the right to do business without having one's religious freedoms affected.

The court ruled that businesses which close on Saturday can open on Sunday if they limit the number of employees and the floor space, a situation which can create a competitive disadvantage to Jewish businesses and which in effect penalizes them for observing religious beliefs.

Scheininger said Congress' national officers will likely discuss the question at their Jan. 17 meeting.

Special guest at the meeting was David Harel, co-director of the television film *The Twice Promised Land* about Jewish-Arab cooperation in Israel.

Jews asked to fight for all

TORONTO — Jews must fight for equal rights for all people, irrespective of their sexual propensities and notwithstanding biblical condemnation of sexual deviation, says Holy Blossom Temple's senior rabbi.

Rabbi Dow Marmur, writes in an article to be printed later this month in his temple's bulletin, that one doesn't have to approve of homosexuality to applaud the Ontario Legislature's recent vote to amend the Human Rights Code to remove discrimination against homosexuals.

"All we have to decide is whether, even if we disapprove of people's way of life, we should render them homeless and jobless," he says. "Where would we Jews be today if Gentiles continued to discriminate against us on this basis?"

Since Jews know what it is like to be the victims of discrimination, he says, they must protect such victims in every possible way, especially through civil legislation.

Although children and family are supreme Jewish values — and homosexuality is regarded "as an unacceptable challenge to our way of life" — Judaism also affirms individuals as they are, as long as they do not commit crimes or corrupt others.

"We should by now know enough about homosexuality to realize that it is neither criminal nor corrupting. Heterosexuality does not insulate people against crime or corruption and homosexuality does not necessarily lead to it."

Marmur states that everything in the Bible, in rabbinic literature and medieval codes and responsa leads to the conclusion that Judaism would refuse to offer any form of encouragement to homosexuals, however humanitarian the motive.

But he suggests that as there are other aspects of Jewish law which the Reform movement views as obsolete — "traditional Jewish legislation relating to women's rights is totally wrong and should be changed" — the stance against homosexuals should be in the same category.

"I may be adopting a non-traditional stance, yet I feel that it is a Jewish response. The experience of discrimination compels us to offer our fellow-citizens the same rights as we claim for ourselves, irrespective of with whom they go to bed."

New York rabbi to lecture

TORONTO — Rabbi Herschel Schacter, rosh kollel and Talmud professor at New York's Yeshiva University, will give a public lecture on civic responsibility in Israel and the Diaspora, Tuesday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m., at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

The talk is part of a Canadian-U.S. seminar here Jan. 13 and 14. Leading rabbis will discuss issues confronting the Orthodox rabbinate.

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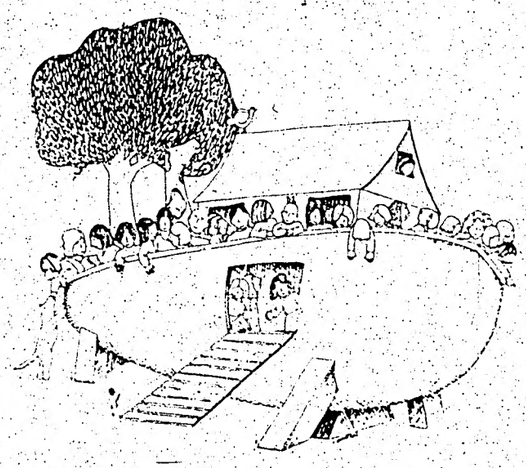

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Organizations and People

Stitz looks back on term

Winnipegger: Buy more Bonds

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
More than ever, it is important that Diaspora Jews buy Israel Bonds, says Dave Stitz, the former chairman of the Israel Bonds Organization in Winnipeg, whose term ended recently.

"The money goes almost entirely to Israeli industry for research and development of new products," said Stitz. "Israel's ability to export knowledge and skills will be the salvation of the country and Israel Bonds has a major role to play."

The Winnipeg-bred businessman and entrepreneur stepped down as chairman of Israel Bonds here when his 2-year term ended in mid-December.

Dave Stitz

Stitz said it is time for the younger generation to pick up the banner. He will be able to devote more time to his involvement in various other Jewish organizations and his business enterprises.

Stitz has always been a fighter and worker for Jewish causes and institutions. He attributes his strong sense of commitment to the anti-Jewish sentiments he was exposed to while growing up in a mainly Gentile neighborhood of Winnipeg's North End. In his younger days, he was a member of Habonim and served as president of the Hechalutz movement.

His leadership abilities were noted early on in the business world as well. In 1943, even though he was not yet 18, he became the youngest department head in the history of McDonald Bros., a major local aircraft assembly plant (now Bristol Aerospace).

After the war, Stitz finished university and worked for Silpit Industries for a few years. He also began a long involvement with B'nai B'rith.

In 1951, he struck out on his own with the purchase of Kolchin & Boxer, a Winnipeg fur store. By the time he sold the business 27 years later, he had built Kolchin & Boxer, and Shaino's (a retail leather business named for his wife which he started in 1961), which he merged with Kolchin & Boxer in 1976, into the largest retail leather chain in Canada and the second in size in North America.

At its height, the chain operated 31 stores in Canada and the U.S. Midwest.

Needing new challenges, Stitz moved into a variety of new enterprises after 1978 including a restaurant business and the marketing of radiant heating panels.

Throughout his business career, he has always remained active in Jewish organizations. He was a cub scout leader at the Rosh Pina Synagogue. He has served two terms as president of the Beth Israel Synagogue and the Vaad Hair, and he is still involved with the Vaad.

Looking back over his four years as part of the Israel Bonds Organization, he sees the highlight as the recent dinner honoring former Manitoba Chief Justice Samuel Freedman.

"The dilemma for Israel and Israel Bonds," Stitz said, "is that, with each passing generation, support for Israel in the Diaspora slips a little more. As the Holocaust and the creation of Israel recede ever further back in time, there is a danger that Jews in the Diaspora will become less knowledgeable about Israel and less sensitive to the need for retaining our culture and religious values.

"Israel is going to have to become more self-sufficient economically and Bond sales, which are needed to help that process, have to derive from new sources. Bond organizations are turning to large business and financial institutions and unions.

"Israel Bonds are a good, safe investment."

Wallenberg sculpture to go in Ottawa park

OTTAWA —
To perpetuate the heroic deeds of former Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, a sculpture will be unveiled in an Ottawa-area park on May 31.

The plan for a Wallenberg sculpture began shortly after a park in Nepean was named after the World War II hero. To date, about $10,000 has been raised through contributions from local individuals, the Reichmann family, the League for Human Rights, the Ottawa Holocaust Committee and a Wintario grant.

Uga Drava, a recent immigrant from Soviet-occupied Latvia, was chosen from among 28 artists to design the 2-figure sculpture. He describes the composition as follows:

"The standing figure of the women is the embodiment of us all and all that is living, growing, thriving...This also includes both members of the older generation, most of whom experienced the war, as well as the younger generation to whom the memories, lessons and wisdoms of a time past are being passed on.

"The other figure, that crosses the standing one, represents Wallenberg, or at least what he stands for. The way in which he is joined diagonally to the standing figure, is symbolic of the fact that Wallenberg himself is still suspended somewhere between life and death."

During World War II, Wallenberg helped save the lives of over 100,000 Hungarian Jews who were targeted for death in the Nazi death camps.

Following the war, Wallenberg was arrested by the Soviet military and has not been seen in public since.

According to Soviet authorities, Wallenberg died in prison in 1947. However reports which have filtered out of the Soviet Union indicate he may have survived longer.

As well as commissioning a sculpture, the Nepean community has established a multicultural association, called the Wallenberg Foundation to promote the humanitarian ideals which Wallenberg espoused.

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Major event during TJC's Focus Week

Photo contest centres on Toronto Jewish life

By
BOB GOTTLIEB

TORONTO —
If you've taken a good photo illustrating Jewish life in Toronto, picture yourself as a possible winner of a photography contest that will be one of the major events during Toronto Jewish Congress' Focus Week beginning May 17.

Entitled Images of Jewish Toronto, the contest will feature major prizes contributed by its corporate and retail sponsors.

Organizers say photos can be entered in one of three categories: community, family and celebrations. There will be two age classes for the entries — up to and including age 13 for youngsters and the adult section.

The admissible formats for submission are black and white or color prints and these must be no larger than 8 by 10.

To be eligible, entrants must be amateur photographers, or professional photographers whose submitted work has been taken for personal use only.

No photo may have been taken earlier than April 1, 1986, and the final date for receipt of entries is April 30.

Twenty major awards will be made with winners to receive such items as Pentax "Super Program" and Vivitar cameras, Tasco Binoculars, Velbon tripods, and camera bags from Lowe-Pro.

There will also be 30 honorable mention awards, and recipients will receive a 1-year subscription to Photo Life Magazine.

Winning entries will be displayed by TJC for up to a year after the contest.

Contest chairman is Jeff Mouckley, manager of special markets for Optex Corp. Special consultant to the event is Norman Rosen, editor of Photo Life.

Contest judges include Rosen; Michael Mayzel, vice-president of DayMen Photo Marketing Ltd.; and Marty Nadel, vice-president of Vivitar Canada Ltd.

To date, corporate sponsors include Pentax Canada, Vivitar Canada, Optex, DayMen Photo Marketing, Bader Brothers Ltd. and Photo Life.

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Entries may be mailed or delivered to Ruth Morrison at Toronto Jewish Congress, 4600 Bathurst St., 5th Floor, Willowdale M2R 3V2. Each photo must be accompanied by identification including the name, address, date of birth and telephone of the entrant as well as the contest category.

For further information, call Ruth Morrison at 635-2883.

Ability Fund's campaign advances

TORONTO —
The Ability Fund, the major fund raising campaign of the Ontario March of Dimes, runs until Feb. 15. Thousands of volunteers across the province are striving to raise over $400,000 to contribute towards the campaign goal of $1.16 million.

In addition to the appeals made by the volunteers, funds will be raised through mail campaigns; coin boxes; and a black-tie fund raising event, the Celebrity Gourmet Gala II in Toronto, Feb. 28.

This annual campaign raises over half of the year's fund raising goal for the Ontario March of Dimes.

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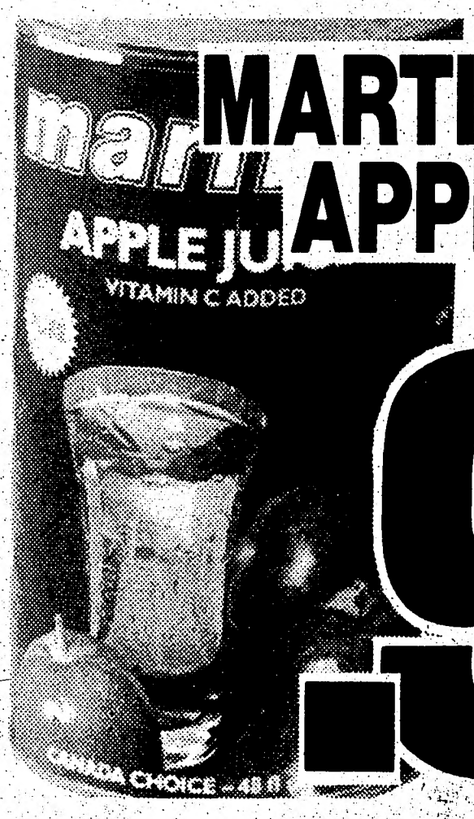

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Harpist is elected Winnipeg shul head

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra principal harpist Richard Turner has added a new tune to his repertoire. He has just been elected the new president of Chavurat Tefillah Synagogue, making him, at 31, the youngest president of any synagogue here.

Born and raised in Chicago, Turner comes from a family of musicians. His father, Saul, was a violinist with the Chicago Symphony and his sisters in the U.S. are both professional musicians.

"I knew King David played the harp and he was quite successful in his endeavors," said Turner. "The instrument is mentioned in the psalms. It struck a sympathetic chord in me from an early age. I appreciated its timbre."

Turner received his training at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, coming to Winnipeg 10 years ago. He was introduced to the Chavurat Tefillah, a small Orthodox congregation, by another musician shortly after he came to this city.

"I immediately felt comfortable at the Chavurah," he said. "I was impressed with the spirit of sincerity which pervades the davening. Because mitzvah is not a private language, this community offered a framework, at one level, in which to function, to listen."

Turner is equally committed to Torah and music. "In a similar way that great compositions bring one light, the study and pursuit of Torah also illustrates the heart," he said.

"For me, the great power and passions of the prophets and what they have to say requires an openness to hear them just as a great symphony necessitates simiiar posture to appreciate its significance."

As a musician, Turner is in much demand in addition to his role in the Winnipeg Symphony. He has performed with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, given assorted other private and public performances and teaches student harpists.

He is also in demand as a harp doctor. "There are only one or two other harp technicians in Canada," he said. "It's a rare skill." Each year, Turner travels around North America during his off season repairing harps, many for first class orchestras in places such as Vancouver, Philadelphia and Minneapolis.

Aim to preserve memory

Film traces history of Bund

MONTREAL —

An hour-long documentary tracing the history of the Jewish Labor Bund, the once flourishing and powerful Jewish political and cultural movement, was recently completed in Montreal and is being distributed internationally.

Luba Augenfeld, who wrote and recorded the Yiddish narration for the film, said that the documentary was intended to preserve the memory of the vibrant and influential organization which encouraged the use of Yiddish to promote cultural autonomy and a Jewish secular identity.

The Bund's existence was virtually snuffed out by the Holocaust.

"A committee (of the Bund organization of Montreal) decided in the spring of 1986 to make the film so its history would not be lost," Augenfeld said.

Working with filmmaker Felix Lazarus, who has produced several films of Jewish subjects, Augenfeld wrote a script to accompany the footage, most of which was taken from archival material used for a 1982 exhibition in Montreal that celebrated the Bund's 85th anniversary.

The film is also interspersed with footage from a 1930s film on the Medem Sanitorium, a Bund institution founded in Poland to care for sick children.

Lazarus, Augenfeld said, "did a wonderful job, capturing the spirit of what we wanted to do with seriousness and devotion."

That spirit, Augenfeld believes, is rooted both in the concrete and less tangible qualities of the Bund as a powerful and unifying force of the Jewish people. The often contentious factions within its own ranks also underscored a deep-seated, democratic nature.

The film begins with the first stirrings of the Jewish labor movement in late 19th century Jewish Lithuania and its founding by socialist intelligensia at a secret convention in Vilna in 1897, as a response to the oppression and persecution of Jews by the Czarist regime in Russia.

The Bund was illegal, for the most part, until after World War I when in Poland it entered its "Golden Age" as a cultural and political force. The Bund became a legal political party, with a network of schools, youth organizations, and trade unions, and with Yiddish acting as the catalyst to a literary, intellectual, political, and national identity.

Ironically, the Bund achieved its greatest political influence between 1936 and 1939, on the eve of its destruction, when it scored substantial success in Polish municipal elections campaigning against anti-semitism. The film depicts the influence of the Bund during that period, including its active role in the resistance against the Nazis.

Besides the visible achievements of the Bund, Augenfeld said, the film provides a sense of its importance as a "presence in Jewish life." Even non-Bundists, she said, recognized the organization's role as a representative of the Jewish people.

"The Bund represented the masses," she said. "When the Bund called a strike in 1938 in response to pogroms in the shtetlach, the big cities in Poland stood still." Bundist writers, such as Avram Reisen and I. L. Peretz, "brought literature to the masses, educating people about the way they lived."

During the Bund's heyday, its daily newspaper, the Neue Folkzeitung, achieved great influence and esteem in Jewish circles, and was just one of many newspapers, periodicals and journals that enhanced Jewish cultural and intellectual life.

The film is perhaps most successful in conveying the concept of social justice and egalitarianism as one of the Bund's most significant contributions. That and "Yiddishkeit" were inextricably bound together. It remains its legacy.

Although loosely structured Bundist groups still exist in major cities in North America, South America, Israel, and Australia, the political force of the Bund perished in the Holocaust. There is "a lot of nostalgia," Augenfeld says, when Bundists meet for cultural evenings. The first showing of the film at an 89th anniversary evening "made a very big impression."

The film has been transfered to videotape and will be screened to Bundist groups in centres around the world. An English version is also being considered to educate younger generations about the Bund's historical and cultural contributions.

There is sadness, Augenfeld said, in knowing that all traces of the Bund could die with a dwindling and aging generation.

The film's ultimate contribution, she said, could be for posterity, as a permanent and visible record of the Bund as a "source of national pride, and of Jewish secular and Yiddish cultural life."

Seniors groups get Ottawa grants

TORONTO —

Two Jewish senior citizens groups were among 22 groups of retired people in the Toronto area to be awarded a federal grant under the government's New Horizons program.

New Horizons enables retired people to create projects of their own choosing. It offers grants to groups which undertake activities for the benefit of themselves and others in their community. The accent is on local needs.

Labour Zionist Alliance Seniors Club on Codsell Ave. received $11,060 to establish new activities including expansion of a table games program and social events.

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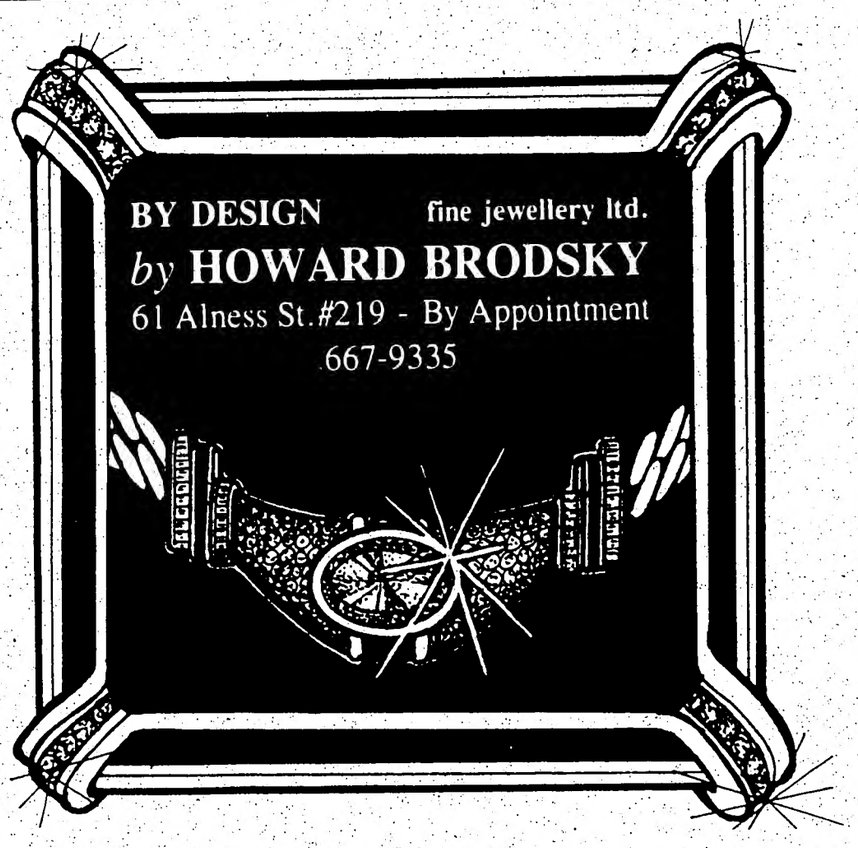

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LORI SMITH

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Anne de Shalla, designer for La Femme En Soie, a Montreal company which creates silk garments and loungewear only, explains that silk is comfortable, elegant, easy to wear and sensual but also easy to take care of and practical.

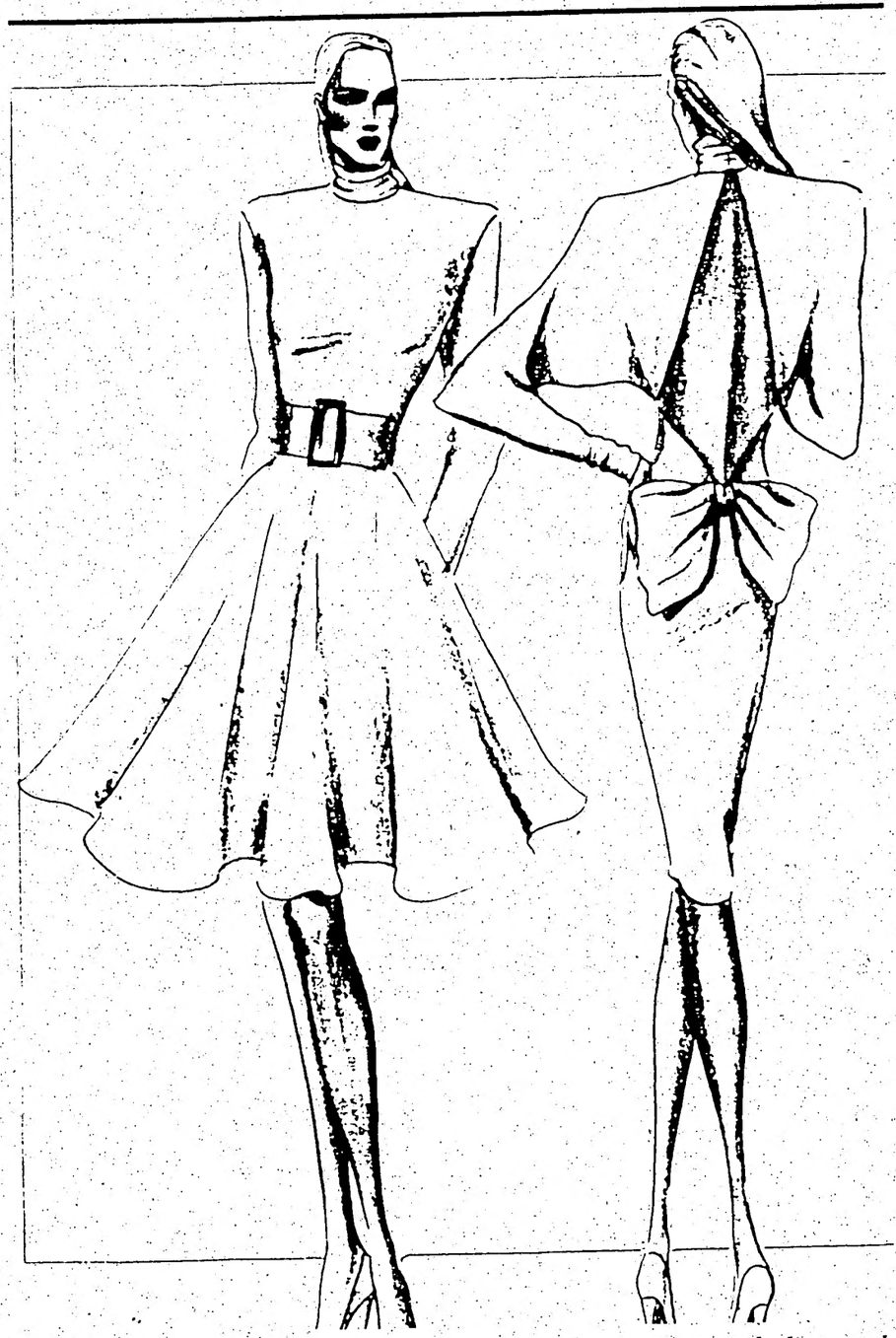
"It travels well because it doesn't crease. It's not seasonal and the new silks can be hand washed and hung to dry."

De Shalla says that La Femme En Soie tries to create garments for every type of woman. The line includes Dynasty-inspired creations as well as more basic styles.

This season the collection includes a long, bias skirt and one-button jacket with large shoulder pads in white jacquard. It's something that Alexis or Krystle might wear. For evening the jacket can be paired with black, silk pants.

The group also includes basic straight body dresses with a two button closing, V-neck and big shoulder pads. Paired with pants the tunic can be worn in the evening. In addition a number of wraparound styles, skirts, tops and jackets are available in solid, jacquard or printed silk.

Recently the company has added loungewear to its line. One of this season's standouts is a peach and blue, handprinted, peau de soie lounge set. Equally beautiful are the hand-painted tap pants, camisoles, short and long peignoirs and nightgowns.



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Canada's top 20 fashion designers will unveil new spring ensembles at a benefit Feb. 14 for Mount Sinai Hospital Research Institute at Roy Thompson Hall.

The St. Valentine's Day event, in honor of the Eaton Centre's 10th anniversary, will feature day and evening wear, some of which are being created especially for the gala. Birks of Canada will provide the accessories.

Following the show entitled Je t'aime, a reception in the lobby will feature an auction of the 1-of-a-kind evening ensembles with minimum bids beginning at $1,000.

Featured designers, who will be in attendance, include Wayne Clarke, Paul Cornish, Dominic Bellisimo, Deborah Kuchme, Simon Chang, Stephen Caras and Edie Johne. International model Monika Schnarre of Toronto will appear in the finale.

Tickets for the event are $100 of which $70 is tax deductible. They can be purchased at the hospital foundation office or at the Eaton Centre's management office.

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Fashion

Rodier fashions for women on the go.

Personal touch duo's key

By
LORI SMITH

One-stop shopping for women is the raison d'etre behind Jolene at Yorkdale Shopping Centre.

Owners Helene Yoskovitz and Joan Cohen (who also run Rodier Paris in Bayview Village) have gathered what they believe are the season's best fashions. Garments by outstanding designers that work together and can be used to create many different outfits.

Yoskovitz explains that the store is for someone who enjoys personal service.

"Women don't have time to visit a number of stores to get everything for an outfit. But we know how to dress someone and can put together a whole outfit right down to the accessories."

The store, which opened in September, includes fashions by Irving Samuel, Rodier Paris, Joseph Janard, Milli Showroom, Strenesse and eveningwear by Tricia Cochran and Catherine Reghere.

This season daywear features a number of colors: royal and cobalt blue, jade, purples, charcoal, taupe, cream, black, white, soft blue and pink. Tapestry looks and leathers in brights and subdued colors are very strong.

Skirt lengths range from 25 or 26 inches to ankle length and are full or straight. Cohen explains that jackets have a soft flow to them and pants are often in the true trouser style or in a slimmer cut. Soft knit pants are available for casual wear and wool crepe pants are shown for evening.

Knits are important and the store offers a number of styles including 3-piece suits with Chanel jackets and long knitted skirts with wider tops.

For evening a number of separates are offered. Long, flowing skirts, lame blouses and sequined jackets are just some of the garments available for holiday.

Cohen says that black and bronze are important colors as are black and silver and white and silver.

Basking in the sun in a Rodier outfit.

Denim returns to fabric forefront

Over the last few years denim has re-emerged as a very important fashion fabric.

Haute couture designers such as Karl Lagerfeld, Yves St. Laurent and, of course, Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren, are using the material in their current collections. Companies such as Canada's Western Glove Works have always used it but now must meet the demands of a style-conscious public.

Kurt Jones, a designer for Silver by the Western Glove Works, thinks that the reason for the resurgence of denim is its versatility and comfort.

"Someone who's wearing denim can create any look they want now. They can dress it up or down and wear it anywhere they want to without worrying that they aren't dressed properly. And most people are very comfortable in it."

Silver is a reasonably priced line designed to meet the needs and budgets of the junior market. Garments in the collection feature a lot of detail work and are made from a lighter-weight denim which drapes well.

"We treat it as a fashion fabric rather than dungaree material. So while we have the classic five-pocket jean and jean jacket, we also have a duster coat in denim and a line in fleece."

The fleece group in Silver consists of jean, duster coats and bomber jackets in neutral colors in a heavyweight fabric. Other women's styles include garments in rayon, corduroy and jacquards.

In addition, the company's growing menswear collection now includes suits with lean, hip-hugging jackets that are draped and soft-looking instead of fitted.

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Arts

A moment of extreme tension in Platoon, the best film ever made about the war in Vietnam.

Definitive testament to futile war

Platoon makes Vietnam real

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
The war in Vietnam finally may have found a Boswell in Oliver Stone.

Stone, a distinguished filmmaker, went to Vietnam as a simple foot soldier and emerged from that harrowing conflict with enough memories to last a lifetime.

In *Platoon*, he has reached back into his vivid experiences and produced what is undoubtedly the finest feature film about America's involvement in Vietnam.

Written and directed by Stone, a Purple Heart recipient, *Platoon* is to film what *The Red Badge of Courage* was to prose.

It is, in other words, a very fine picture, head and shoulders above Vietnam-related films like *Apocalypse Now* and *The Deer Hunter*. **It will no doubt go down as the definitive testament of that futile war. And for the men who could never find words to describe it,** *Platoon* **is their eloquent statement.**

The film, which occasionally looks and sounds like an explosive documentary, examines the war from the ground up, or from the point of view of the grunt, the ordinary, obscure foot soldier.

It is definitely not about the grand strategists or glorified tacticians who plotted the course of this crazy war. And it is certainly not about the politicians who planned it. They are never even mentioned.

Platoon focuses exclusively on the young men, some still in their teens, who fought in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968. It revolves around an infantry rifle platoon thrown into the maelstrom of battle near the Cambodian border.

There are 30 grunts in the platoon, coming from all walks of life. But mostly, as Chris (Charlie Sheen) the narrator says, they come from "the end of the line, small towns you never heard of" — Pulaski, Tennessee; Brandon, Mississippi; Pork Bend, Utah; Wampum, Pennsylvania — and they're undereducated and poor.

Chris, the central character and Stone's alter ego, is a university dropout who, unlike the majority of his fellow soldiers, has volunteered for the war. Within minutes of landing in Vietnam, he learns that life is cheap there. As he gets off the transport plane, in full regalia, he notices body bags close to the runway. The casualties are mounting. Will he also become a statistic?

Chris has little time to ponder his mortality. His platoon is airlifted to a dense jungle crawling with poisonous snakes, scorpions and red and black biting ants. This is where they will confront North Vietnamese regulars, cunning soldiers who melt into their surroundings effortlessly.

As Chris soon discovers, the enemy is much closer to home than he could ever have imagined. The North Vietnamese are dangerous foes, picking off one American here and two Americans there in bursts of seemingly senseless firefights whose outcome will determine almost nothing.

Besides having to fend them off in the daily struggle for survival, the grunts have to come to terms with themselves. There are immense personality conflicts that threaten to tear the platoon apart and they usually surface when the tension is greatest, such as when they enter a Vietnamese village and wreak havoc there, or when they stumble into a carefully laid ambush.

Platoon, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is a visually powerful and emotionally gut-wrenching film whose performers are equal to the task.

I particularly liked three of them — Charlie Sheen, the sensitive, idealist Chris; Tom Berenger, the brutal Sergeant Barnes, and Willem Dafoe, the doomed Segeant Elias.

Their memorable performances complement what was probably last year's best film.

Modern confrontations explored in new books

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Several facets of modern Jewish history are strikingly presented in two new books.

Against the Apocalypse: Responses to Catastrophe in Modern Jewish History (Harvard University Press, U.S.$20) by David Roskies is a well written and researched study of Jewish artistic reaction to the unprecedented anti-semitic depredations of recent times.

Hasidism and the Jewish Enlightenment: Their Confrontation in Galicia and Poland in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century (Jewish Publication Society, U.S.$30), by the late Raphael Mahler, examines the nascent Haskalah (westernizing) movement's little publicized campaign of persecution against its chief competitor for the hearts and minds of East European Jewry.

Roskies' study is more inclusive than its title suggests, beginning by way of background with an examination of Lamentations, written after the destruction of the First Temple, and related "liturgy of destruction," the Tisha B'Av observances. These he relates to what is expressed in the writings and visual arts of Jewish authors and artists since the Russian pogroms. In the process, he illuminates many contributing events and situations.

Included in Roskies' focus are significant works by: S. Y. Abramovitsh (better known under the pen name Mendele Mocher Seforim); Yekutiel Berman, who wrote the first pogrom novel; poets S. Frug, Chaim Nachman Bialik, H. Leivik, A. Leyeles; Sholom Aleichem, Abraham Sutzkever — the witness to the destruction of Vilna — and Uri Zvi Greenberg; artists Issacher Ber Ryback, Marc Chagall, Marcell Janco, Nathan Rapoport, Naftali Bezem, and Samuel Bak.

For readers interested in categories, Roskies' study also becomes a work of art criticism, in the positive sense of the phrase.

Revels in Jewish roots

Roskies is a relatively young Montreal-born intellectual who has revelled in and embraced his Jewish roots. As a youngster in "a city of survivors," he and many other children took full part in their parents' community memorial services. "We were called upon to recite poetry, sing ghetto songs, and light candles," he recounts in a moving introduction entitled Ruined Cities of the Mind.

Roskies' work has earned much praise, in the Jewish and non-Jewish press. When it first came out, in hardcover, it won the 1984 Ralph Waldo Emerson Award.

Mahler's study sets out to document the attempted suppression of the chassidic movement by the maskilim (weternizers), a sorry chapter in Jewish history.

One maskil, Jacob Samuel Byk, berated his own movement for their "boundless hatred" of the chassidim, pointing out that it preached tolerance and love of one's fellow man towards everybody but them.

Writes Mahler: "In all fields and in every respect, the haskalah was the opposite of chassidism, an antithesis that reflected the conflicting interests and philosophies of the Jewish people." The chassidim represented the impoverished, suffering masses; the maskilim, the rising Jewish bourgeoisie and its associated intelligentsia. The chassidim viewed the Diaspora as the central tragedy of the Jewish people, yearning for a messianic redemption and return to Zion. The maskilim pressed for secular education and linguistic assimilation.

The chassidim were completely attached to Jewish tradition and the Yiddish language; the maskilim and their followers aimed to merge with the dominant nationality in language, dress, and external bearing. They despised Yiddish, preferring German or any other Western language and in some cases Hebrew.

The maskilim pressed for secular education; shunned miracles and the supernatural in religion; despised economically unproductive Jewish occupations, particularly in the rabbinate and religious schools; and opposed tzedakah, as encouraging idleness. They were also embarrassed by the "benighted" appearance of the chassidim and by their indifference or opposition to maskilim efforts for political emancipation.

Throughout the first half of the 19th century, the maskilim collaborated with secular governments in trying to suppress chassidim and banning or censoring their religious writings.

The maskilim and the Austrian authorities collaborated intensively in the arch-reactionary reign of Prince Metternich after the defeat of Napoleon. Chassidic leaders' injunctions earlier to refrain from aiding or even sympathizing with the French invaders despite their host governments' long record of anti-semitic excesses were totally disregarded.

The career of collaborator Joseph Perl, a government school director decorated by both despots of Eastern Europe, Russia's Czar Alexander I and Austria's Emperor Francis I, is explored at length.

Mahler's book was originally published before his death in 1977. This edition, the first in English, represents some very good translation work, from the Yiddish by Eugene Orenstein, and from the Hebrew by Aaron Klein and Jenny Machlowitz.

Reading his and Roskies' books, and then juxtaposing the two, can provide useful insights into the state of contemporary Judaism.

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Sinfonietta to play Roy Thomson Hall

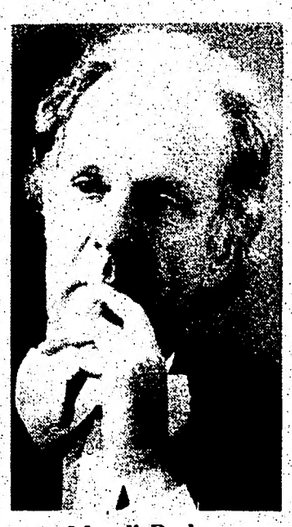
music

By
RICK KARDONNE

The Israel Sinfonietta orchestra will appear at Roy Thomson Hall Jan. 29 as part of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's Great Performers' series. By special arrangement with the TSO, the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation has been alotted 300 excellent tickets to enable its members to hear the Beersheba orchestra.

Seats are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The $50 tab includes a post-concert reception with the members of the orchestra.

Sinfonietta music director Mendi Rodan, appointed in 1977, is also music director and permanent conductor of the Belgium National Orchestra.



Mendi Rodan

A dominant figure in Israel's cultural life, Rodan founded the Jerusalem Chamber Orchestra, served as chief conductor and music advisor of the Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra and is music director of the Jerusalem International Music Centre. He is dean of the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem.

The Bucharest-born Rodan appears regularly with the Israel Philharmonic and most major European orchestras. He frequently records for a variety of labels.

Founded in 1973, the Israel Sinfonietta has established itself as one of the pillars of Israel's cultural life. This is their North American debut. From Toronto (their only Canadian appearance) the Sinfonietta will conclude an 8-city tour at the renovated Carnegie Hall.

The program will include a major composition by the Israeli composer Mordechai Seter, who has been a pioneer in integrating oriental-Jewish folk themes into the mainstream classical context.

For further information call 921-2103.

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Opera has been reborn in Israel. The New Israeli Opera recently presented its first opera, Mozart's Marriage of Figaro. Most of the performers are home-grown talent.

In the past, attempts to establish a permanent opera company in Israel have been thwarted by lack of both funds and facilities.

The late American soprano Edis de Philippe opened the Hebrew National Opera in 1947. She was responsbible for bringing to Israel a 21-year-old tenor named Placido Domingo in 1962. In a recent interview Domingo said that at the Israel National Opera he found his voice, his stage legs and his confidence.

After de Philippe died, so did her opera company. The new company is a phoenix that has risen from the ashes.

The New Israeli Opera will share the facilities of Tel Aviv's Cameri Theatre with the Israel Chamber Orchestra.

It is hoped that the New Israeli Opera will be the vehicle to, in addition to mounting the classics, produce original Israeli and Jewish theme musicals and operas. They could then be taken on tour in the Diaspora.

New Israeli Opera

recently presented

Marriage of Figaro

Simon's memoirs a film with character

Portrait of Brooklyn Jewish family proves riveting

Bob Dishy, Blythe Danner and Jonathan Silverman in Brighton Beach Memoirs, based on a play by Neil Simon.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, based on Neil Simon's long-running Broadway play, is a warm-hearted film of enormous character.

Directed by Gene Saks and produced by Ray Stark, two of Simon's veteran collaborators, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* is invariably funny, occasionally hilarious and always empathetic.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, it is obviously one of the better films of the last 12 months.

An impressionistic portrait of a Brooklyn Jewish family coping with the Depression, it is propelled along by a solid script written by Simon himself, by Saks' able direction and by a fine cast.

Jonathan Silverman plays the part of Eugene Morris Jerome, the 15-year-old adolescent who is Simon's alter ego. Eugene, an aspiring writer who is awakening sexually, lives in a glamorous semi-dream world of his own making. If he is not thinking about the females he plans to seduce, he is pitching for the New York Yankees or tossing the winning touchdown for a professional football team.

He confides in his older brother, Stanley (Brian Drillinger), a storeroom worker in a haberdashery. Eugene turns to him for advice on a wide variety of matters, particularly sexual, and Stanley, an amiable sort, usually obliges.

The brothers live in a modest detached house, not far from an overhead subway line, with their parents and relatives. Father Jack (Bob Dishy), an earnest breadwinner, holds down two jobs to make ends meet. Mother Kate (Blythe Danner) is a hard-working, domineering Jewish mother type who worries about everyone. Blanche (Judith Ivy), Kate's prim widowed sister, is still recovering from her husband's sudden death. Her two children, Nora (Lisa Waltz) and Laurie (Stacey Glick), have their own problems.

Considering the circumstances, Kate runs a pretty efficient household, keeping everyone in their place with enviable energy, strength, fortitude and caring.

Eugene: imagination overworked

Eugene is one of her biggest headaches but also one of her greatest assets. Eugene, being creative and imaginative, can be frustratingly absent-minded when he's thinking about unproductive matters such as sports or women. But he can be very useful, too: Who else but Eugene runs constant errands to Greenblatt's?

Jack is a fair provider, a decent father and a good husband. But when he loses one of his jobs, a minor crisis ensues. It is compounded when Stanley nearly gets fired for insubordination, and it is doubly compounded when Jack becomes sick.

Amid all this trouble, Kate must worry about Blanche's sputtering love life with an Irishman and ride herd on Laurie's heart flutter and Nora's rebelliousness.

It is enough to drive anyone crazy.

But Kate, being no pushover, perseveres in the face of her trials and tribulations.

Brighton Beach Memoirs, which is adept at recreating street scenes of the late 1930s, usually moves along at a brisk pace. But it stumbles awkwardly, if only fleetingly, at midpoint, inducing boredom.

Fortunately, it quickly recovers and never again shows signs of wear.

The film, which hints at the prevailing neighborhood ethnic tension between Jews and Irish, is rich in comedy material. Silverman delivers more than a few clever lines, some dealing with food and sex. And Danner — a quintessentail WASP in appearance — is no slouch in the comic department either.

Brighton Beach Memoirs, for the most part, is a pleasure to watch, and this reviewer looks forward to Neil Simon's next film adaptation of one of his plays.

Compartmentalized thinking?

Nazi doctors' crimes explored

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Nazi Doctors: Medical Killing and the Psychology of Genocide. By Robert Jay Lifton. Fitzhenry and Whiteside, $29.95.

How could physicians — rational, cultured, devoted to healing and the enhancement of life — become immersed in that "grotesque and unique enormity of evil" called Nazism? Why did otherwise affectionate and humane men and women embrace a racist ideology and commit acts of unparalleled barbarity? Are there some larger or more general principles to be derived from the transformation of seemingly ordinary men into murderers?

These are some of the complex and portentous questions that Robert Jay Lifton discusses in his book, based on 10 years of research and writing and on interviews with Nazi physicians and survivors of the horror. As a Jew and psychiatrist he was driven to explore the psychological mechanism and the aberrant thinking that turned doctors into killers.

In a recent interview Lifton suggested that "we do the victims of the Holocaust most honor by learning what we can from it that might serve the future." In a much discussed book review Bruno Bettelheim, himself a renowned psychiatrist and concentration camp survivor, argues that Lifton, in trying to explain and analyze the behavior of Nazi doctors, may come close to forgiving them. "I believe that there are acts so vile that our task is to reject and prevent them, not to try to understand them."

Lifton responds that he has not replaced moral judgment with forgiveness and that valuable knowledge, no matter how painful, must not be avoided.

This massive study examines three particular physicians in some depth: Ernst B., a practitioner who showed some degree of compassion to inmates; Josef Mengele, the amoral fanatic, and Eduard Wirth, a prototype of the decent man turned into a "medicalized killer."

Does Lifton have an explanation for the terrifying contradictions that he describes? He offers a psychiatric theory called "doubling." Put simply it asserts that an individual can compartmentalize his work and thinking to the degree that one part of his personality does not impinge upon the other. Such a "Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" personality could, at Auschwitz, murder inmates at will and, at the same time, maintain a psychological distance from his victims and actions.

It is almost beyond belief that some of the doctors convinced themselves that they were killing for the sake of some amorphous, genetic good. Equally astounding is the stubborn refusal, even now, of some of the doctors to acknowledge their crimes against humanity.

Not always easy to read — both because of the painful subject matter and the psychological terminology — this study is, nonetheless, an insightful, pioneering attempt to elucidate what some would term the inexplicable.

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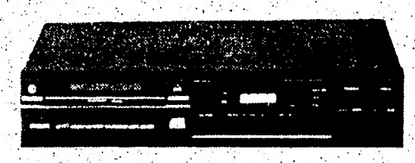
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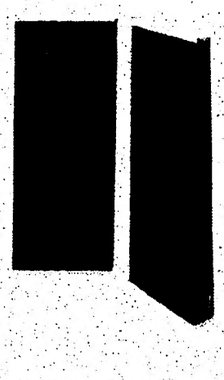
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Arts

Now used in Leo Baeck fund raising

Kids' Records producer proud of new Jewish cassette

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

"Zayde, how come I'm Jewish?" asks the little boy.

"Because when you're Jewish," the grandfather begins to answer, "you come from a big mishpocha family who've been around for a long time. . . ."

His complete answer, interspersed with singing and music and comedy and history going back to Abraham in the Bible, is contained in a delightful new tape cassette that retails for $9.98.

It's titled *A Child's Look . . . At What It Means To Be Jewish.* **It's narrated by four gifted Toronto actors — two adults, Paul Soles and Sharon Corder, and two youngsters, Gil Cohen and Rebecca Swartz.**

It's written by Jack Blum, a former yeshiva bocher from Hamilton, who is now a dramatist-cum-actor.

And it has been produced by Kids' Records, a Toronto-based company at 68 Broadview Ave. (461-0268), whose president, Bill Usher, has an intriguing story to tell.

Usher himself is not Jewish. But his wife, CBC journalist Debra Sharp, is. And their two children, 19-month-old Jesse and 5-year-old Zachary, are being raised, as he says, "ethically, culturally and religiously as Jews."

And that's how he came to produce the cassette.

"I felt that the children of mixed marriages or Jewish kids from homes where the parents are not very *frum* might be taught about their wonderful Jewish heritage in an entertaining way," says Usher.

Usher himself needs no such orientation. He says his friends and business colleagues and family are all Jewish, and he considered himself a "closet Zionist" from way back.

Now 40, he's a friendly, blue-eyed, Yiddish-speaking Cockney, who was baptized in the Church of England when he was born in London within the sound of Bow Bells.

But he says neither he nor his parents were ever particularly religious. When he was an 8-year-old, they moved to Toronto, where he learned to play clarinet and drums, attended Western Tech and performed with the 48th Highlanders Military Band.

In his 20s, while traveling around Europe, he was almost mystically drawn to Israel at the outbreak of the Six Day War. For three months, he worked at Kibbutz Amir in the Upper Galilea.

"I was an outsider, a Goy, but they treated me like family," he says. "Though I have never converted, I have always felt spiritually Jewish."

Back in Toronto, he was a percussionist and record producer for the likes of Bruce Cockburn and Ronnie Hawkins. Eventually he joined forces with Sharon, Lois & Bram to produce their first children's album, *One Elephant, Deux Elephants.*

Then in 1981, becoming aware of the need for quality records for children, he and seven Jewish partners formed Kids' Records with a capital of $80,000.

Today, 38 releases later, he expects to gross $1 million this year from the North American market.

His bestsellers include Bob McGrath of Sesame Street fame performing with Katharine Smithrim on *The Baby Record* and *Songs And Games For Toddlers*, Cathy Fink's *Grandma Slid Down The Mountain* and the biographical fantasy *A Child's Look At . . . Mozart.*

He says that *What It Means To Be Jewish* is very close to his heart. The Leo Baeck Day School will be using it as a fund raising device in January, deriving a $4 profit from every cassette sold, and he similarly hopes to interest other Jewish organizations.

Those who wish to buy the cassette, or use it for fund raising, are advised to phone him at (416) 461-0268.

Percussionist-record producer Bill Usher teaches sons Jess, 18 months old, and Zachary, 5, how to play drums.

Visual dictionary sparks reviewer's enthusiasm

By
DAVID BIRKAN

"What, this is a Canadian book?" asked this reviewer's friend, an aficionado of dictionaries. "I don't believe it."

The subject of this incredulity at the book stand was the newly published Stoddart Visual Dictionary, by Jean-Claude Corbeil (Stoddart Publications, $30). Its ingenuity, scope, organization and universal appeal struck the both of us as marking a top U.S. or British reference.

Corbeil, as we found out, is one of Canada's leading editors, proficient in both English and French. His unique dictionary should carry his reputation far beyond our borders.

The Stoddart Visual Dictionary comprises some 800 pages of 3,000 diagrams depicting just about every aspect of modern life, from science, technology and architecture to musical instruments, anatomy, biology, do-it-yourself, and clothing.

Each diagram is carefully labeled and indexed, and inserted in a grand order of things. As far as this reviewer knows, there is absolutely nothing else like it on the market. If a picture is worth a thousand words, Corbeil's crisp diagrams represent a fortune.

What's a gun flap? This and other common parts of a man's trenchcoat are detailed on page 281. A princess seaming and a briefelette are labeled in women's foundation garments on page 302.

Charts on variety of subjects

The major parts of a tractor-trailer (pg. 388-9), a four-masted bark (416-7), a space rocket and shuttle (441-3), a car (383-7); 390-3), a snowmobile (394), a motorcycle (395) and a bicycle (397-8) give a good introduction to the basics of transportation.

Do-it-yourselfers — and those merely content to report needed repairs with some degree of apparent knowledge — will be held in thrall by a 30-page section that details tools, lock parts, plumbing systems and pipes, and electrical equipment.

There are also charts and diagrams of stars and constellations; a telex printer and the Morse code; various hair styles; home utensils; veal, beef and lamb cuts; gardening equipment; golf clubs and the angles at which they are supposed to strike the ball; an electron microscope; and a variety of combat weapons, from rifles to jet fighters.

This reviewer and his friend were drooling over the volume we happened to come across at the local bookstore. The latter made a comment that said it all: "Why hasn't someone thought of this before?"

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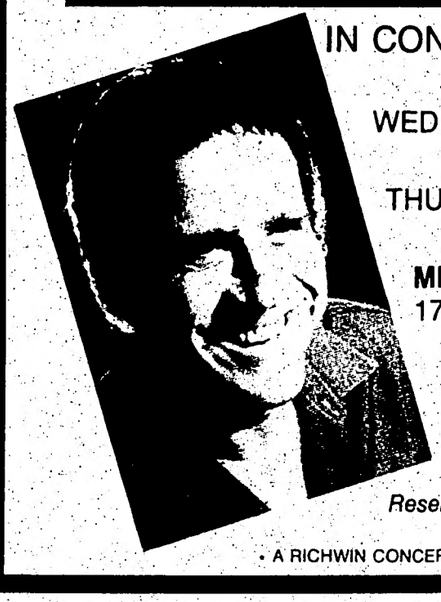
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Another Jan. brightener will be **THE MUSIC MAN**, starring the absolutely marvelous **Brian McKay**. Low cost previews start Wednesday, January 20. For the youngfry, **SLEEPING BEAUTY** is the spellbinder, each Sat. & Sun. at 1:30, with super lunch, too, if you wish. All at **Limelight Dinner Theatre,** 2026 Yonge Street (S. of Eglinton), **482-5200**.

"Even salaried people can do it"

Agent gung-ho on bar/bat mitzvah trips to Israel

By WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Jafa Druckman is for all intents and purposes Israel's goodwill ambassador to Canada.

Since October, the mother of three and grandmother of one, has worked at Corson Travel on Eglinton Ave. specializing in Israeli trips especially for bar or bat mitzvahs.

"I wanted to work but also do something here for Israel," she said. "It's hard to believe how much tourism affects the economy."

Druckman, who came to Canada when husband Meshulam was transferred here to be president of Bank Hapoalim, studied tourism and worked as a tour operator for a North American company in Israel. She didn't work for the first two years they were here because "my English isn't too good."

The travel agent, who is in the midst of planning a show later this month to demonstrate bar and bat mitzvahs to prospective clients, has already booked six such trips for June and July.

"I like to help tourists go to Israel," she said. "I advise people to go."

Druckman said that although she sells trips, if someone wants her advice on where to go, what places to see or what restaurants are kosher, she's more than happy to comply even if that individual doesn't buy the package from her.

The travel agent, who will return to Israel in about three years when her husband's stay here ends, said the bar and bat mitzvah program is usually in summer as the children are not in school then. Such a trip is attractive because it combines a religious ceremony in the Holy Land with a 1 or 2-week vacation there.

"It becomes a real haymishe party."

Druckman and Rabbi Yehudi Edelkopf of Chabad Village, Israel, who officiates at Canadian bar and bat mitzvahs in Israel, said many tourists and sabras have the ceremony at the Western Wall or Masada, a spot where it is claimed there was a synagogue.

They said that the Wall is the holiest place for Jews and having the ceremony there creates a special atmosphere that will last longer and stand out more in the child's memory than will a big party here.

"A trip to Israel for a bar or bat mitzvah is not only for the rich — even salaried

Jafa Druckman

people can do it," she said. "You don't have to go deluxe.

"What you spend depends on whether you want a Rolls Royce or a K car. Land packages range from $500 to $795 (U.S.) for a week," she said.

"You have to discuss exactly what you want with the travel agent so he or she can plan properly."

The rabbi said bar and bat mitzvah ceremonies at the Wall are for any Jew regardless of whether the family is Reform, Conservative or Orthodox.

"At the Wall, all are united," he said. "For that alone, it's worth going to Israel and not being conscious of the different backgrounds as you would be at home.

"It's a mitzvah to go to Israel for the ceremony."

Spain brochure features Jewish life old and new

TORONTO —

The Spanish tourism ministry's recently revised pamphlet Exploring the Jewish Heritage in Spain encapsulates some 1,500 years of history, highlighted with bright and colorful photographs.

"Spain is one of the richest sources of Jewish history," the brochure begins. "It is a country where the Jewish heritage flourished and where the creative spirit soared to new heights in what is called The Golden Age of Spanish Jewry."

Described are:

• The historical sites of Toledo, which include its former Great Synagogue — now the church Santa Maria la Blanca — and El Transito Synagogue, whose walls beneath the lofty cedar-beamed ceiling are circled by a band of carved Hebrew lettering, excerpts from the Psalms.

• Jewish life in Moslem Cordoba, which produced poet-diplomat Hasdai Ibn Shaprut, the Arab ruler's personal physician by profession, and halachist-philosopher Moses Maimonides. Caliph Abd-el Rachman III encouraged Arab and Jewish scholars to explore philosophy, mathematics, logic, linguistics, astronomy and medicine in his 10th-century Iberian capital.

• Granada's Alhambra fortress, where in 1492, several months after the Moslem capitulation, Christian monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella signed their edict expelling all Jews from Spain. The splendor that 10th-century Arab historian Ahmed ar-Razi called Gharnatat al-Yahud — Granada of the Jews — was irrevocably shattered, as well as the rest of Iberia's Jewish civilization.

• The beflowered white-washed El Barrio district of Seville, whose street names recall its pre-1492 Jewish identity: Calle de Cal (kahal, community street), Calle de los Tintes (dyers), and Juderia Vieja (old Jewish quarter).

• The Malaga of Solomon ibn Gabirol, 11th-century Spain's unsurpassed Hebrew poet.

• Barcelona's Montjuich (Jews' Hill).

• Majorca's Chueta (swine) district, peopled by a distinct Catholic sect whose ancestors were forcibly converted nearly 600 years ago.

The rebirth of Spain's community is evident in Barcelona's community centre, a new school building in Madrid, a small new synagogue in Seville, a kosher butcher shop in Malaga, and growing Jewish neighborhoods along the Costa del Sol. The latter boasts tourist services like Casa David and Shalom Rent-A-Car.

Spain's tourist season begins in March, with the start of spring.

For more information, phone the Spanish tourist office, (416) 961-3131 in Toronto.

Illustrated Ottawa history includes the Jewish role

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ottawa, once known as Bytown, has had a history more interesting than many Canadians probably want to give it credit for. First and foremost a company town, Ottawa has been alternately dominated by the British military, the timber trade and, now, the federal government.

John H. Taylor's book, *Ottawa: An Illustrated History (James Lorimer, $27.95)*, is a literate account of its development since its formative years in the 1820s.

Taylor, an associate professor of history at Carleton University, points out that Ottawa was deeply divided by race and faith and class and language. And for many years, most immigrants avoided Ottawa.

Ottawa's Jewish community, which has never been substantial, was led by a former adventurer, Moses Bilsky, at the turn of the 19th century. Bilsky settled down in the nation's capital in 1869 as its only Jew, or so Taylor claims, and prospered as a watchmaker and jeweler. In 1892, the Jews established their first synagogue.

Primarily of Russian origin, the majority of Jews in Ottawa were pedlars. According to one story, they went to Ottawa rather than Montreal because of the cheaper licencing fee. By World War I, Taylor writes, they were "solidly established," generally in merchandising.

Jews, he adds, "found a niche" in Ottawa society, but elite clubs gave them a "rather cool reception." What a euphemism!

The archival photographs in this handsome volume are revealing. One in particular, a horizontal shot from the 1890s showing the snow removal method of the day, intrigued this reviewer. Before the arrival of the street car, only sidewalks were cleared. Excess snow was heaped in the middle of the street and then flattened with huge rollers to provide a surface for sleighs and carts. How quaint.

Snow removal has come a long way since then, and so has the Jewish community.

Ottawa: An Illustrated History is the seventh in a series on Canadian cities. It's worth adding to your Canadiana collection, if you have one.

Air Canada starts Bangkok transport

TORONTO —

Air Canada will expand its international network in 1987 as the airline becomes the first Canadian carrier to provide scheduled cargo service to Thailand.

Air Canada will commence weekly cargo service to Bangkok effective Feb. 18, in accordance with the terms of the bilateral air transport agreement between Canada and Thailand announced recently by the federal government.

The DC-8 cargo freighter service will operate Toronto-Montreal-Brussels-Dubai-Bangkok and return. Air Canada Cargo currently operates seven DC-8 freighters each with a payload capacity of 44,200 kg (92,500 lbs.). An eighth freighter will be added to the fleet later this year.

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Skiing of all kinds makes Banff favorite destination

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

BANFF, Alberta —

This is where mountain skiing in Western Canada really starts. Throughout Banff National Park, not far west of Calgary, you can ski downhill mountain slopes and even follow cross-country trails for the increasingly popular cross-country skiing sport.

Banff's Sunshine Valley now has gondola ski lifts which can move 1,800 skiers an hour to the tree line where chair lifts take over to higher ground for downhill ski runs of up to 3 miles. This area of the huge wilderness preserve has a pattern of frequent overnight snowfalls and clear sunny days. There are many downhill runs for the beginner as well as the expert skier here.

Five miles from the Banff town centre is Mount Norquay, with a variety of ski lifts and downhill runs for the expert and the young skier.

Thirty-five miles up the Bow River Valley is the Lake Louise ski area, sprawling over two mountain ranges, with gondola, chairlifts and T-bar lifts. Slopes are long and lazy, or you can find short and steep runs. Here you can find little-used trails for cross-country skiing, as well as magnificent scenery.

Both Banff and Lake Louise have a variety of accommodations from luxury to less expensive motels and small hotels, and a small but active after-ski entertainment.

In Jasper National Park the main ski area is 13 miles from the town of Jasper at Marmot Basin, where there are slopes and trails for beginners as well as steeper slopes with some runs three miles long, for the more experienced skier. It is an area famous for its powdery snow. The longest run, appropriately called Paradise, is 7 miles in length with a vertical drop of 7,500 feet.

Skiers in Banff National Park have long downshill slopes on snowcovered mountains.

There are many groomed cross-country trails. Good small accommodations and after-ski entertainment is available in the town of Jasper.

Along the border of Alberta and British Columbia there are now several places where there is helicopter skiing for the experts. Helicopters take skiers with guides far up glaciers and mountain slopes not accessible by chair lifts. This is an expensive method of skiing, with prices upwards of $150 for a day's skiing.

Several helicopter operators have package rates for a week's skiing and accommodation in the Bugaboo, Monashee, Purcell, Cariboo and Kananaskis area. The helicopter lands atop a mountain with its fresh deep snow. A mountain guide who knows the area leads the small group of skiers downhill for miles over snow which has not seen another ski print.

If you are headed for Vancouver during the winter months, take your skis along. For within a 30-minute bus ride from the downtown business and hotel district you can take a gondola lift up Grouse Mountain and a variety of lifts higher. The gondola takes you up the first stage, which on cloudy city days lifts you way above the clouds. On clear days the city spreads out far below. There is snow all over from the gondola landing spot up.

Skiing on Grouse Mountain is from December to late May.

Near Vancouver are many more ski areas. Whistler Mountain, 75 miles to the north, has some of the longest vertical drops in North American skiing. Inter-connecting lifts take you to where you can descend these exciting fast slopes. Whistler Mountain area has an average of 450 inches of snow each winter and accommodations range from ski clubs to first class hotels.

Mount Seymour ski area is about 16 miles northeast of Vancouver with a number of chair lifts and rope tows. It is easily accessible by bus from Vancouver.

British Columbia teems with ski areas. Near Kamloops is Tod Mountain with a variety of ski lifts and accommodations in Kamloops.

Near Kelowna is the Okanagan Valley with its Big White ski area which is noted for its dry and powdery snow most of the winter, located at 6,000 feet above sea level. There are plenty of chair and T-bar lifts, and about 1,500 beds in small hotels and motels in the immediate area.

Another BC ski area is Silver Star near Vernon, with a variety of ski lifts, two mile-long ski runs and a good variety of small hotels. Other ski communities include Penticton, Kimberley, Fairmont Hot Springs, Rossland and Harrison Hot Springs.

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Vast, breathtaking Casa de Campo lures tourists

By
RON HARDING

Casa de Campo, located in the Dominican Republic, may be the most perfect resort in the world.

There's so much to describe it's difficult to begin. First of all it is vast and breathtaking. Located along the edge of the Caribbean Sea on the southeast coast of the island, it has 7,000 acres of beautiful, country-club style grounds. Although secluded and thoroughly self-contained, it is near the sugar port town of La Romana, just over an hour's leisurely drive from the airport, castles, forts and 16th century cathedral of Santo Domingo.

The resort truly caters to a sophisticated international lifestyle. On the grounds are two Peter Dye 18-hole championship golf courses, 10 swimming pools, 3 polo fields (players come from all over the world to play), 17 tennis courts (6 lighted), a marina offering cruising, sailing, fishing, skin diving and water sports, a fitness centre, trap and skeet shooting, a dude ranch with more than 1,000 horses, and bicycle and moped riding. This exhaustive array of facilities can be reached by mini-buses which tour the property.

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Choose either casual open-air dining or gourmet food in formal elegance. One of the best breakfasts can be found at El Lago Grill where they make omelettes to order and heavenly fresh fruit shakes.

The Dominican Republic is a lush island, teeming with tropical flowers, verdant mountains and beautiful beaches which hug its shoreline. Some people compare it to Hawaii because of its abundant greenery. Four major areas have been, developed for tourism. Casa de Campo is at La Romana on the southeast coast of the island.

What makes the Dominican Republic special is its warm, happy people and its Latin flavor. The official language is Spanish (although many speak English) and the people are open and friendly, with an inimitable Spanish vitality. Travelers looking for a serene escape are delightfully surprised by the charm of the island.

Most Caribbean islands offer little for the intrepid shopper, but not the Dominican Republic. Be prepared for some bargaining (the Dominicans expect it) and some terrific buys, particularly in jewelry.

Amber and larimar, Dominican turquoise, are indigenous stones which are available in many forms. Mahogany, wicker and woven products, pottery handicrafts and delicious Dominican-blend coffee are also good buys.

When this Caribbean paradise was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492, he claimed that anyone who saw its wondrous shores would never want to leave.

Casa de Campo, built a decade ago by Gulf Western's Charles Bluhdorn, is the jewel in the crown of the island's tourism industry.

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Ron Harding is vice-president, marketing and sales, for Sunquest Vacations Ltd.

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Business Outlook

"One-stop communications shopping mall"

Company goes public to finance acquisitions

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
MDC Group of Companies Ltd. is being sold to Branbury Explorations and later will be renamed MDC Corp.

These transactions pave the way for MDC, wholly owned by Miles S. Nadal, to make a smooth, quick transition from private company to a public one.

As a result of the deal, which is valued at $4.7 million payable in Branbury stock, Nadal becomes the controlling shareholder.

In an interview, Nadal said the key reason in going public is to finance acquisitions — which will further allow the company to utilize financial management structures to build a major conglomerate — and to give equity to key personnel so all have a vested interest in the company's future.

"In Canada, there is no other below-the-line marketing company or group of companies that offer one-stop shopping — almost a communications shopping mall," he said. "I have under one umbrella an integrated communication and marketing business — the whole spectrum from concept to finished product — which allows clients to use their budgets in the most cost-effective manner."

The new company's first move is to effect a private placement of up to $1.5 million of 10% subordinated convertible debentures, convertible into common shares of Branbury at 2.5 cents a share. Funds raised will be used to reduce indebtedness, to expand the company's businesses and to seek acquisitions of companies in the communication and marketing industry.

From its inception in 1980, Nadal's companies have grown from a small photographic studio into a diversified communications and marketing business.

Nadal, whose company will do about $11 million worth of business this fiscal year, said he is looking at eight takeover candidates: two in printing; one in typesetting; one in graphic arts; one in audio-visual; two in sales promotion; and one in the premiums/incentives business.

His desire to expand into the United States market to more fully satisfy his international clients is the key reason behind MDC's recent alliance with Flair Communications Agency Inc. of Chicago.

The agreement calls for MDC and Flair to work together in servicing existing clients and developing new business across North America. As well, MDC will handle all of Flair's activities in Canada.

"Our alliance with Flair gives us a major entree into the United States with a world-class resource," he said. "We now can offer our clients state-of-the-art sales promotion and marketing services second to none."

Nadal isn't just satisfied with just expanding to the U.S. He is meeting this week with Briton Martin Sorrell, who spearheaded Saatchi and Saatchi's growth through takeover in the advertising world.

Sorrell, who left Saatchi 1½ years ago, played the same shell game as Nadal by buying a small, publicly traded manufacturer of shopping baskets and turning it into an acquisitional vehicle called WPP Group in the communication and marketing field. Ten takeovers in the past year have caused the company's market value to soar to $92 million (U.S.) from $2.2 million (U.S.).

Miles Nadal

The British company recently dipped its toe into the U.S. market by buying New York-based Pace Communications.

"Sorrell's strength is acquisition and that's what I want to learn about," Nadal said. "Maybe there's room for mutual assistance or a potential European alliance.

"We have logical synergies."

Distiller hopes public will schnapp at spirits

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Three spirits of old Europe are making their Canadian debut here mid-January, appearing in the latest taste.

They are Seagram Distillers: Wildberry Liqueur, Cherry Cola Schnapps, and Wolfschmidt Pepper Vodka.

Wildberry is the most recent incarnation of long popular fruit-based European liqueurs. At 25% alcohol by volume, it is not quite as strong, and is a bit sweeter, according to Peter MacDougall and Eddie Sokoloff, Seagram's marketing vice-president and merchandising manager, respectively. "We based it on our Wildberry Cooler, which has become very popular," MacDougall told The Canadian Jewish News.

"Its taste is basically a blend of strawberry, raspberry, blueberry and elderberry flavors," said Sokoloff. It can be sipped straight or on the rocks, he suggested, or as an ice cream topping or milk shake ingredient. Cost will be $14.80 per 750 ml. bottle, "give or take a nickel," said Sokoloff.

Schnapps, that potent knock-it-back-and-wheeze of winter morning minyanim (and other occasions, too, it must be conceded), will be gracing LCBO shelves in an unprecedented flavor — cherry cola.

"Cherry cola has become a popular flavor in soft drinks, thanks to baby boomers," said MacDougall. "Our market research, tests, and flavor panel show it can be a best selling liquor as well," he said.

Cherry Cola is Seagrams first schnapps. A sister division, Adams Distillers, has already put out several flavors of schnapps, including Dr. McGillicuddy's Apple Cinnamon Schnapps.

Seagrams Apple Cinnamon Schnapps, at 30% alcohol, will also sell for $14.80.

The European schnapps of bygone generations, often distilled in small plants or private homes, could be raw and fiery, said Sokoloff. "Ours is smooth and even, with quality control second to none," he claims.

The old and the new coincide well in Wolfschmidt Pepper Vodka. The black pepper that the czars' distillers put in to mask the unpleasant taste and odor left by faulty filtering "now provides the ideal flavoring for Bloody Marys, Bloody Caesars and Bullshots," said Sokoloff.

The new vodka's pepper is evident only to the taste, and not to the eye, as this reporter was shown in a laboratory test bottle. There were no black flecks drifting through the ice clear fluid.

"Activated charcoal filters keep our product pure," said MacDougall.

The pepper vodka can also be sipped straight or on the rocks, added Sokoloff.

At 40% alcohol, cost will be $15.85 per bottle.

"The new vodka should have a very broad appeal," said Sokoloff. "Vodka represents about 14% of the liquor market, but drinkers of other liquors will also use it. A scotch and soda man will also have a Bloody Mary now and then."

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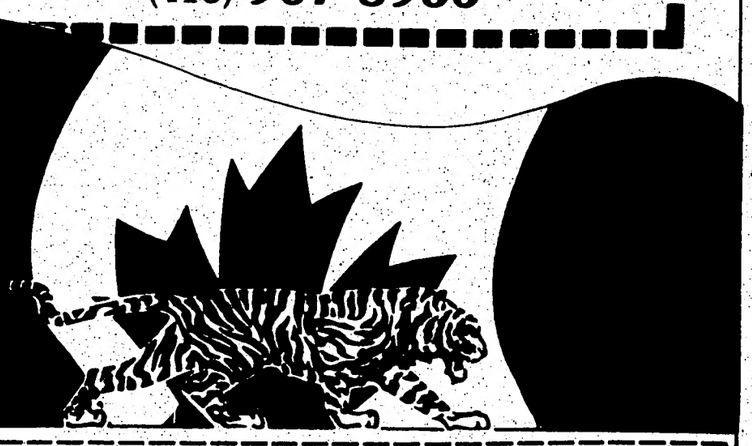

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Formerly the manager of one of the bank's largest branches in Israel, in her own hometown of Rehovot, Gorban is regarded as an effective force in implementing the philosophy that good service comes first in every public contact, and she accepts no excuses for failure to fulfil this goal.

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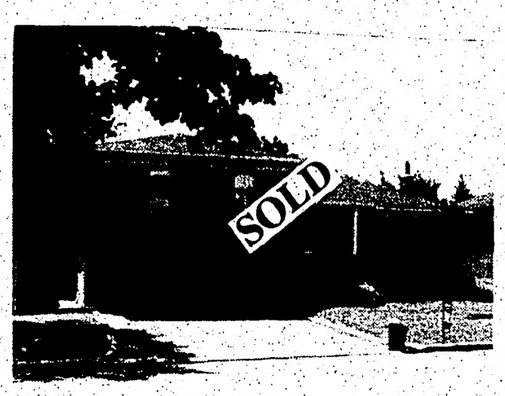

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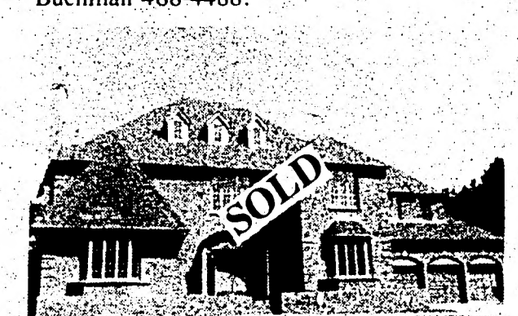

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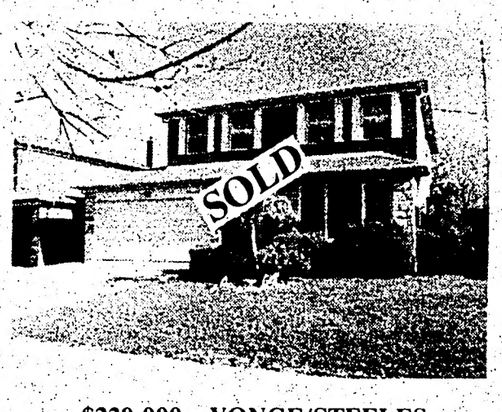

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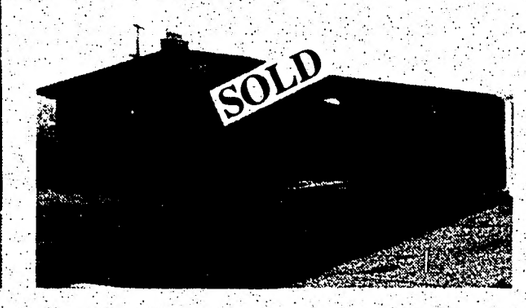

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Honickman, Nathan on December 24, 1986, late of 642 Sheppard Ave. E., #515.

Kalinsky, Barbara on December 23, 1986, late of 4005 Bayview Ave., #1019.

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Menka, Izzack on December 21, 1986, late of 6171 Bathurst St., #606.

Price, Annie on December 23, 1986, late of 8 Flemington Rd., #6.

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Schwartz, Esther on December 19, 1986, late of Baycrest Centre.

Shvartsman, Khana on December 25, 1986, late of 6250 Bathurst St.

Sutin, Helen on December 24, 1986, late of Bell Ewart, Ont.

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Jewish presence marked with Markham chanukiah

By LEILA SPEISMAN

MARKHAM, Ont. — A 10-foot steel chanukiah at the corner of Bayview Ave. and John St. was the latest evidence of the Jewish migration to York Region, according to organizers at its dedication.

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin, spiritual leader of Markham's Lubavitch congregation, thanked Markham Councilor Michael Popovitch and York Region Councilor Ron Moran, both in attendance, for helping to get the necessary permits for the project. "Chanukah is a symbol of religious freedom for all peoples," said Plotkin.

The removable Chanukah menorah, donated by Irving Biller of IWB & Associates, sat on a fixed foundation, which was donated by Howard Mintz and Michael Farberman of Ankare Property Management.

The impetus for the project, said Plotkin, came from members of the community. "People felt that tangible evidence of the Jewish presence in Markham was needed," he said.

Moran, acknowledging the increasing number of Jewish residents in the area, said: "We once held a public meeting on a Jewish holiday. There was such an uproar, we won't make the same mistake again."

Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum, executive vice-president of Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario, noted that the Markham chanukiah is the fourth to be installed in the Toronto area. Others were, the old City Hall in downtown Toronto, at Bathurst and Edinburgh streets, and at Bathurst and Chabad Gate in Thornhill.

Troubling times in Latin America

Anti-semitism spreading

NEW YORK (JTA) — Anti-semitism continues at a disturbingly high level in Argentina where it is often used as a political weapon to attack democratic institutions and the government of President Raul Alfonsin, according to Latin American Report, published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Also cited among developments in the region were a steady increase in anti-semitic incidents in Chile, where the government had in the past effectively limited such activity, and the Peruvian Jewish community's concern over President Alan Garcia's meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat at the Non-Aligned Nations Conference in Zimbabwe last September.

Latin American Report is prepared by Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of ADL's Latin American Affairs Department, and Martin Schwartz, assistant director. It provides information on issues and events in Latin America and the Caribbean affecting Jewish communities in the region and the State of Israel.

Examples of anti-semitic manifestations in Argentina included the following:

• The reappearance of the so-called "Andinia Plan," a claim by Argentine anti-semites that Israel is plotting to turn the Patagonian region in the south of Argentina into a Jewish state.

• An article in the rightwing Peronist newspaper Alerta Nacional titled, "This Is How They Dominate Us," which listed alleged "Zionist functionaries" of the Central Bank of Argentina, including the names, titles and ages of the "guilty." The newspaper also threatened to continue publishing lists of "Jewish elements that have bought their way into the current Alfonsin regime."

• A Buenos Aires demonstration "Against the Jewish Dictatorship," organized by a neo-Nazi group.

• A doll with the Gestapo "SS" inscription hanging by a noose in an army barracks.

• The arrest for "an administrative offense" of the chief legal advisor (who is Jewish) for the Argentine Border Patrol after he denounced the carving of two swastikas in the walls of the patrol's headquarters.

The report notes as "a welcome counterpoint to Arab-inspired anti-semitism," an Arab-Jewish statement of solidarity in the La Rioja province which calls for "rejection of all types of discrimination and hatred which divide us."

In other PLO related activities in the region, Methodist University of Piracicaba, Brazil, and the PLO, declaring themselves "dedicated to the democratic, anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist struggle," signed an agreement for "cooperation and cultural exchanges."

In Chile, the pro-Nazi publication of the notorious anti-semite and former diplomat, Miguel Serrano, and others were brought to the attention of the minister of justice by the Jewish community which called them important elements in the anti-semitic campaign developing there.

The ADL report also focused on moves toward better Catholic-Jewish relations in the region. The Latin American Bishops Conference, in an historic move to combat anti-semitism has drawn up guidelines for the use of Catholic educators in teaching about Jews and Judaism.

The guidelines are the product of a Catholic-Jewish meeting sponsored by the Bishops Conference, ADL and the Latin American Jewish Congress which was held in Bogota, Colombia, last September.

Terrorism tops the list of significant events

NEW YORK — Four of the 10 events that had the most significant impact on Jews during 1986 were connected with international terrorism, according to Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

They were the massacre of 21 Jews in an Istanbul synagogue, Britain's breaking-off of diplomatic relations with Syria because of that nation's involvement in terrorism, the American bombing of Libya and the U.S. sale of arms to "terrorist" Iran.

According to Perlmutter, "if (the bombing of) Libya represented American resolve that we will not be intimidated by terrorism, the sale of arms to 'terrorist' Iran was a monumental misjudgment. If there was a retrieving virtue in trading arms for hostages it was the indignant reaction of the American people — a reaction so strong as to render less likely renewed American genuflection to terrorists."

Perlmutter's list of the most significant events of 1986 follows:

1. The massacre of 21 Jews in the Istanbul syngogue by Arab terrorists. It underscored, as if underscoring were needed, the lie that Arab terrorism is really anti-Israel and not anti-semitic.

2. Relatedly, the exposure of the Syrian connection to terrorism in London, in Rome, in West Berlin. The significance here is not so much in the bloodiness of Syria's hands as in Great Britain's immediate breaking of relations with Syria. Britain, once again, a role model.

3. The United States' bombing of Libya. Terrorism has never been more vulnerable to retaliation than to a deploring editorial.

Pope makes visit to synagogue

4. And if Libya represented American resolve that we will not be intimidated by terrorism, the sale of arms to terrorist Iran was a monumental misjudgment.

5. Pope John Paul II's visit to the Central Synagogue in Rome. A long, oh so long journey, some 2,000 years in the traveling. It was a reminder of the long darkness in Catholic-Jewish relations past, and a promise of a potentially warmly lit future.

6. The release of Natan Scharansky and the Nobel Peace Prize to Eli Wiesel.

7. The shame of Waldheim. Not so much because the president of Austria is a revealed liar; the real shame of Waldheim is that no matter he is a liar — and on such a subject! — a majority of his countrymen simply didn't care enough. They voted the Nazi liar their approbation. Waldheim shamed, the Austrian electorate shamed.

8. In March, two Lyndon LaRouche candidates prevailed in the Illinois party primaries. Heady with victory, LaRouche fielded 234 candidates in state primaries. Only 13 managed to make it to the November elections. All — each and every one of them — were defeated. The lesson? That the American people, when the facts are given them, reject bigotry.

9. The sentencing of 10 members of the Nazi-like group known as The Order. The justice department's vigorous prosecution of hate-activists stands as an unmistakable warning to neo-Nazis that bigotry inspired crimes will not be tolerated. Will, instead, be vigorously prosecuted.

10. The new set of emigration rules announced in November by the Soviet Union. They augur even fewer exit visas for those seeking freedom. Through November, 1986 only 873 Jews were permitted to leave, a fraction of the 400,000 seeking to breathe free.

Synagogues, institutions listed

New York City guidebook eases life for singles

By
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NEW YORK —
There are more than 50,000 young Jewish singles, and more than half as many mature Jewish singles, in Manhattan.

Visitors to New York who wish to meet single people have several choices. According to the *Guide to Everything Jewish in New York*, they can either advertise in the city's two popular publications for singles (New York Magazine and The Village Voice), or they can contact some of the many institutions which cater to singles. These are synagogues, and other organizations and groups, as well as dating, and matchmaking services.

Outreach programs

The Guide lists a number of the city's synagogues which have outreach programs for singles. In the Orthodox group, Lincoln Square Synagogue (874-6105) has a mailing list of about 2,000 singles. Events are open to non-members, and persons wishing to be on the mailing list should send a request with name and address.

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, also Orthodox, holds Shabbat dinners and other get-togethers for singles who need not be members. Call (427-1000) to get on the mailing list.

Park East Synagogue, Orthodox, (737-6900) has a Young Professional Group that is open to all Jewish singles who wish to attend. The group meets monthly. Among the members of this synagogue are Seagrams, Rothschilds and Ralph Lauren.

The most prominent Conservative shul reaching out to singles in New York City is Sutton Place Synagogue (593-3300). This synagogue has a singles havurah (fellowship) which schedules singles services for the High Holidays, an all-singles Passover seder, and many other activities where worship, study and socializing are combined. The programs are geared to the varied interests of the members.

Park Avenue Synagogue (368-2600), Conservative, has a monthly coffee house for those 21 to 31 years old. There is also a club for over 31s. To get on the mailing list one has to pay a small charge.

Singles in their 40s to 60s will be interested in the Brotherhood Synagogue (674-5740), Conservative, which has a group for persons of that age. They meet regularly, and their many events take place on Sundays.

The Central Synagogue (939-5122), Reform, has a group, Makor, for persons 25 to 40. One Friday evening each month they meet for a service, which is followed by a speaker, and an Oneg Shabbat.

The Reform Congregation Rodeph Sholom (362-8800) has a young adults group (25-46) which meets every six weeks for a dinner, and a speaker or a film. Meetings are open to non-members, and there is a fee for each event.

Temple Emanu-El, also Reform, (744-1400) has a singles group which non-members may attend once or twice, but then they must join the temple to become part of the group.

Aside from synagogues, the Guide suggests a number of other institutions which cater to singles.

The Educational Alliance West (420-1150), which is the Village Y, sponsors lectures on various subjects in its "Sunday Night Live" series, which are aimed at singles.

Two singles groups meet at the Emanu-El Midtown YM-YWHA (674-7200). East Side Singles is for those in the 40s and 50s. Group Yaffa is for singles under 40.

The Mizrachi Young Leadership Council (684-6091) is a social and educational Orthodox singles group for young professionals between 22 and 35.

The famous 92nd Street Y has numerous programs for singles between 21 and 60. Classes, concerts and dancing are only a small part of what the Y has to offer.

There are three independent groups in the city which attract very large numbers of singles, and which visiting singles should contact when in town. Everything for Singles, Inc. has a 24-hour hotline for information about upcoming events within the four different, and interesting, programs which they run (213-3944).

You can call Jewish Singles of Greater New York (228-0128) to get on their mailing list. To get on the West Side Jewish Singles list, call Beth at 222-2997).

Singles on a visit to the city can also take advantage of the dating and matchmaking services here.

Compatimates (982-8196) is part of Educational Alliance West. Persons up to age 60 are eligible to apply for membership. Run by social work professionals, Compatimates has a separate service for Orthodox singles.

The Jewish Singles Date Phone (213-3414) is part of the Le Juda-Everything for Singles company. The service is based on persons making taped phone messages.

The oldest matchmaking service for Jewish singles in New York City dates back to 1920. Field's Exclusive Service Inc. does not rely on computers, but screens clients carefully. An initial free interview can be arranged by calling 391-2233. The service is open seven days a week.

A private, confidential service for "seriously marriage-minded Orthodox individuals" is available from the Orthodox Union's Marriage Commission (563-4000).

The Perfect Match (751-5430) calls itself an "old-fashioned matching service." It keeps confidential application forms, asks for personal references and a photo. Persons 22 to 50 may apply. Common interests, hobbies, personal traits and religious beliefs are a basis for the matches.

Program checks medication

TORONTO —
To aid senior citizens in determining the reliablity of their prescription drugs, Mel's Brown Bag Program has returned for its second year.

Program founder North York Mayor Mel Lastman says plastic brown bags, bearing the message, Help yourself to good health, will be supplied to any seniors group or agency that wishes to arrange the medication inspection program.

Seniors put their prescription drugs and non-prescription medications in the bag and take it to the program. The contents of the bag are then checked by pharmacists, who weed out old and unnecessary drugs or those that could pose harmful side effects when mixed.

"We would like to see every senior in Metro take advantage of this program at least once and preferably once a year," said Lastman.

Three North York pharmaceutical companies have contributed $7,500 towards the cost of promoting the program. Some of the funds donated by The Upjohn Company of Canada, Apotex Inc. and Ortho Pharmaceutical (Canada) Ltd. were used to print a brochure and 10,000 plastic bags.

First initiated in North York, the program has spread to other Ontario cities such as Kingston, Belleville and Windsor.

On Jan. 28 at 12.15 p.m., Mel's Brown Bag Program will visit the Rotary Laughlin Lodge for Seniors, 110 Edward St. in Toronto. On Feb. 4 it will operate at West Don Seniors, 6250 Bathurst St. in the recreation room from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information or to arrange for the program to visit your area call Sheila White at (416) 224-6157.

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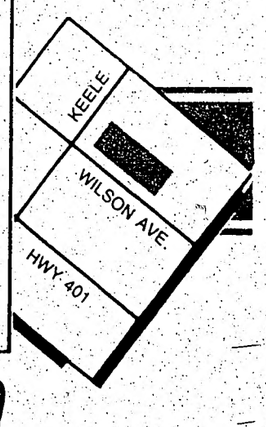

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